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Tory defeat over wives' pension split

All-party revolt in Lords upsets Mackay bill

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

The Government suffered a humiliating defeat in the Lords last night as Tory rebels - including four former ministers-joined forces with opposition peers to vote to allow divorced women to share their husbands

Intensive government efforts to "whip" Conservative peers to vote against Labour amendments to the essentially non-par-ty Family Law Bill failed, by 178 votes to 150.

The changes, moved by Baroness Hollis of Heigham, Labour's Lords social security spokeswoman, seek to enshrine the principle of so-called "pension splitting" in the law, leav-ing detailed consideration of the

means of putting it into practice.

The all-party-victory brings the widely supported reform, which would also benefit less well-off husbands, forward by several years, ft is unlikely to be reversed when the Bill goes back to the Commons.

The proposal would enable divorcing couples to divide pen-Light wifer one of the most significant assets of a mardage - ty minister. Lord M Lay of at the time of divorce instead of Ardbrecknish, wheateressed having their financial affairs. entangled for years.

Some divorced wives are at risk of being driven onto income long-term loss of tax revenue to support in their old age because their former husbands might die early - sometimes before a pension can be drawn at all.

A delighted Lady Hollis said that the move, which was backed by the pensions industry, the Law Society and the Mothers Union, would save many divorced people from

There were 21 Tory rebels, in-cluding ex-ministers Lord Tebhit, Lord Gilmour, Lord Hayhoe and Lord Boyd-Carpenter, Baroness Young - the leader of the Conservative revolt over the Bill's main provision for "no fault" divorce after a year and Baroness Gardner of Parkes, president of the Married

Women's Association. The rebels ignored the en-treaties of Lords Social Securi-



Lady Hollis: Led revolt against Family Law Bill

during yesterday's report stage the technical difficulties of implementation and the potential the Exchequer.

Lord Mackay urged that a Green Paper published last week would enable all those involved with the issue to ensure that there was a properly worked-out plan on which a "measured andnot an emotional judgement could be taken.

But the noteworthy aspect of

surprise within government and Conservative Party circles that the issue had been allowed to

progress to a division.

During the Bill's committee stage it attracted wide crossparty support and a sympa-thetic hearing from Lord Mack-ay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, who is managing the Lords stages.

.While a number of supporters of yesterday's amendment were content for the details to he examined in a Green Paper consultation, they were deter-mined to have the principle in-cluded on the face of the legislation to ensure progress was not thwarted for perhaps sever-

al years after the next election. The wording of Lady Hollis's amendments might involve the Government in the embarrass-ment of having to help redraft them, and Lord MacKay of Ardbrecknish pointedly em-phasised that the Government's opponents would be voting for the most sweeping "Henry VIII" enabling clauses imaginable. But ministers and business

managers conspicuously failed to declare any intention of seeking to reverse the defeat when the Bill reaches the Commons. Commons whips are expected carefully to gauge the level of support, particularly in the light of the risk of embarrassing rebellions on other parts of the Bill.

Cross-bencher Lord Simon of Glaisdale, the strongly antidivorce former law lord, accused the Government of "stonewalling" and of seeking to postpone action until after the election. The Law Society said that the change would have a valuable role to play in comyesterday's rebellion was the bating poverty in retirement.



Aerial battle: Protesters being removed from a treehouse yesterday Photograph: Stuart Cook

Whitehall fears Scott 'witch hunt'

CHRIS BLACKHURST

Civil servants criticised in the Scott report on arms to traq have been warned that they could face disciplinary action despite the refusal of Government ministers to accept any

blame themselves.

In his report. Sir Richard
Scott criticised dozens of civil servants across Whitehall for drafting misleading parliamentary answers and letters; not reading vital intelligence reports; not taking sufficient care over Public Interest Immunity Certificates, the so-called "gag-ging" orders; giving poor advice to ministers; and not paying enough attention to export licence applications.

Among those on the receiving end from Scott were Eric Beston, now the Department of Trade and Industry's director in the East Midlands but then the senior official responsible for export controls, Scott said his witness statement in the Matrix Churchill case was inaccurate and he knew that to be so.

Another official heavily slated in the report was lan Mc-Donald, best known for keeping the press informed about the progress of the Falklands war but head of the Ministry of Defence's export services section during the arms to Iraq affair. Mr McDonald is accused by Scott of showing "inattention ... consistent with his general approach to management".

At the Foreign Office, David Gore-Booth, soon to be High Commissioner in India, is critthe fact that deficiencies in his department might have contributed to "the lamentable fact that a misleading submission had been placed before [William Waldegrave, then For-eign Office minister]. Whitehall unions - including

the First Division Association, which represents top officials, and the new PTt. union, which covers the middle-ranking grades, fear a witch-hunt against

these and other, less senior officials criticised in the report.

Their fears have been raised by indications from senior government officials that some civil servants could be disciplined. Referring to Monday's victory in the Scott debate by just one vote, one Government source said that ministers had had their trial and had been acquitted - civil servants had not.

A Cabinet Office spokeswoman said yesterday that "in the light of the report, departments will he looking to see if there is any reason for discipli-

nary action".

This followed a parliamentary answer from John Major in which he did not rule out punishing officials. "If there are cases where disciplinary action is considered appropriate, this would be carried out under normal departmental disciplinary procedures," he said.

So concerned are the unions that they are urgently seeking reassurances from the Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robin Butler, and Roger Freeman, the civil service minister, that officials will not be disciplined. The unions plan to discuss the threat and any possible retaliatory action at their joint council meeting next week.

Clive Brook, joint general secretary of the PTC union, said: "If civil servants are involved and our members are affected we are outraged.

Another Whitchall union general secretary said he understood that senior officials in the Department of Trade and Industry. Ministry of Defence in the firing tine. "This is donble standards of the highest order if they pursue hapless civil servants and ministers get off scot-free." He claimed it was "cock-eyed logic" for the Gov-ernment to discipline officials.

Unions fear those criticised may be punished in less overt ways, being overlooked for promotion, marked down for performance pay and transferred to dead-end postings.

Hopes of an 'imminent' IRA ceasefire dashed

DAVID MCKITTRICK Ireland correspondent

The IRA and Sinn Fein vesterday signalled that a renewal of the IRA ressation is not immineut in the wake of the Anglo-Irish summit which set 10 June as the date for all-party talks in

Northern Ireland. Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams described the prospect of a ceaselire in the next few days as "most unlikely". He was speaking after an unusual meeting at which he met IRA leaders in company with the leader of the SDLP, John Hume.

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taken, doctors say.

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talks. The signs are that the former may be impossible to them, thus far, of the Irish peace while they are not yet ready for

An IRA statement, issued after the meeting took refuge in Delphic generalities, making no reference to the possibility of a ceasefire.

It said: "We pointed out to Mr Hume and Mr Adams that the failure by the British government to put in place inclusive negotiations free from preconditions, the abuse of the peace. process by the British over 18 months, and the absence of an effective and democratic approach capable of providing an irrevocable momentum towards a just and lasting peace in Ireland were the critical el-

Royal mission

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tion is complete.

Today's weather

The Japanese government is so worried about its Imperial Pam-

ily running out of male heirs that

it has dispatched envoys to sev-

eral European countries, in-

cluding Britain, to study

whether the law may be

changed to allow a woman to as-

cend to the throne. Page 11

Universities are facing up to the

amid warnings that some might

not survive until the govern-

ment's review of higher educa-

Mainly dry with sunshine in

biggest funding cuts in a decade

thus far, of the Irish peace

John Major last night reacted angrily to the IRA army council's statement, describing it as "pathetic" and a "sick joke". Given the text in Bangkok during his trip to the Far East, the Prime Minister declared: "For 25 years the IRA have murdered and bombed. The people of Northern Ireland will be fed up to the back teeth and it is time they realised that democracy will go on with or

without them." An intensive round of talks is due to start in Belfast on Monday. Sinn Fein is to have input into these via meetings man waste over police officers.

HUGH BATESON

Kenya joined the Faroe Islands,

13 arrests after dawn raid to evict bypass protesters

CLARE GARNER

Bailiffs in riot belinets, accompanied by hundreds of po-lice officers, yesterday staged a pre-dawn raid to evict demonstrators from the largest and best-defended camps on the

Newbury bypass route. Thirteen auti-road camsigners were arrested and several trampled underfoot in clashes between demonstrators and police horses at the Pixie Village site in Snelsmore Common, Berkshire. The redoubtable Lady Jeanine Barber lashed out at police she claimed had "manhandled" her. Protesters dumped buckets of human waste over unsuspecting

Faroe Islands' European Cham-

pionship victory over Austria in

By the end of the day, contractors had cleared a large part of the area, designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest, including the makeshift ground camps, and had "taken into custody" a network of un-

The operation began at 3am, when protesters were literally caught napping by the 100-plus uniformed police who crept up on their nine tree-houses.

Bailiss set about clearing out the camps on the ground. heaping belongings into black bin-liners. Trouble flared when two giant torries arrived. Police moved in with eight horses to clear the way and several people were crushed in the melée. Lady Barber, of Inkpen, near

Newbury, claimed police used "brutal tactics" in getting her out of the way. "The strength of feeling here is such that local people will simply not put up with these strong-arm tactics from the police," she said.

Onlooker Hugh Warwick said: The residents young children were screaming and the horses so skittish as to be nearly out of control."

Richard Stephens, the countryside warden for Newbury District Council, said: "tr's been handled really badly. The use of

horses was appalling." However, police condemned protesters after two "deliberate" five-foot wooden mantraps, armed with five-inch long nails, were found.

for the Cup, though - they are 16-1, while Kenya are 500-1.

And unlike previous sporting

shocks, they seem to have es-

caped this one scot-free; none

of Britain's leading three book-

makers took a single bet on

Kenya to win yesterday - they

But if Kenya go home with-

out winning another game they

will not leave the sub-continent

empty-handed. Lara went into

their dressing-room to con-

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were 16-1 at the start.

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Colchester United and Buster in the same year. It is by far the Douglas yesterday when they produced one of the great greatest shock the cricket world has seen. sporting upsets of all time, de-feating the West Indies in crick-The West Indies, the leading cricket nation for the best part et's World Cup. of 20 years from the mid-Sev-Their 73-run win over a side enties, collapsed in truly spec-

including the world's greatest tacular fashion to Kenya's batsman, Brian Lara, in Pune amateur team of salesmen, stuwas ranks on sport's Richter dents and businessmen. scale alongside Colchester's 3-2 defeat of the then Chasing only a moderate target of 166 they could not even invincible Leeds United football muster 100 runs between them. team in the 1971 FA Cup, the being bowled out for just 93. heavyweight boxer James "Buster" Douglas's knockout of Their captain, Richie Richardson, scored five, Lara eight,

section

Mike Rson in 1990, and the tiny Sherwin Campbell four and Keith Arthurion a duck. as they tumbled to 35 for 4. That soon became \$1 for 8 and the game was up. Maurice Odumbe, the 25-

Kenyans leave Windies stumped

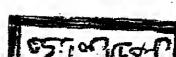
year-old insurance salesman who captains Kenya, was the slar of Africa, taking three wickets with his off-spin and getting a smart run-out with a direct hit on the stumps. "We came to the World Cup to prove that we could play and I think that we did prove that today," he said. "It is like having

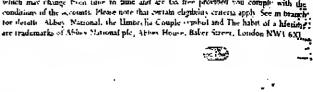
won the World Cup."
The bookies still rate the West Indies a slightly better bet

gratulate the victors after the game, and dutifully acceded to their request to have his picture taken with every team member.

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Hong Kong tycoons gave Tories £3.8m Sailor rescued in spy ship farce

CHRIS BLACKHURST and DONALD MACINTYRE

Hong Kong businessmen gave £3.8m to the Conservative Perty in the run up to the last general election in 1992, it was claimed yesterday, a far higher figure than was previously thought, including £2.3m from seven influential ipeoons. Labour made the disclosure to embarrass the Prime Minis-

they claimed was designed to come from seven millionaires, boost party coffers in time for At question time in the Comthe next election. This was denied by Downing Street which said Mr Major's trip next Sun-doy and Monday was replety on Government business",

New details of donations to the Tories from Hong Kong shortly before the last general election showed that of the \$3.5m raised from the Cojony. fl.fm was from the local ter ahead of his visit to the branch of Conservatives. Colony at the weekend, which Abroad and the remainder.

mons. Labour's deputy leader. John Prescon, angrily demunded assurances from Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, standing in for Mr Major who ic in Bangkok, that the trip would not be used to tap the tycoons for lunds for

Mr Prescott seized on an equivocal recent answer from Mr Major to Stephen Byers, the Labour MP, who had asked

the next election.

whether he would be meeting the main contributors from 1992 this weekend? In his reply. Mr Major said he hoped to meet a broad range of businessmen, politicians and opinion formers" during his visit. Mr Prescott asked: "Will you

tell the House why the Prime Minister refused to answer parliamentary questions about the names of the people he will be meeting on his publicly funded visit to Hong Kong:"

Mr Heseltine soid: "I haven't Prime Minister's programme will remain flexible during the

course of his visit." Mr Byers claimed that seven Hong Kong millionaires had funded the fories to the tune of £2.3m in the mn-up to the last election. He said that evidence from company returns, biogra-phies and Asian press reports, showed gifts from: Sir Y K Pao, the shipping magnate, now dead, who gave £1.5m; Li Ka Shing, the Hutchison telecom-

the slightest doubt that the munications billionaire, who donated £900,000; David Choy, who donated £125,000; Rong Yiren, founder of China Investment Trust and Investment Corporation, who gave £100,000; Stanley Ho, owner of casinos on nearby Macau, who donated £100,000; TT Tsui, who runy a business empire embracing tourism, transport and

broadcasting interests, and gave £100,000; C H Tung, a shipping magnate, who gave £50,000.

Several of the seven, notably

Li Ka Shing, Mr Yiren and Mr Ho, enjoy close fics with Beijing. Mr Tsui and Mr Ka Shing sit on the Hong Kong consultative committee to smooth the handover in 1997 to China.

Downing Street said the Prime Minister's three meetings scheduled with Hong Kong businessmen were all open affairs. A senior aide travelling with the Prime Minister said that Mr Major would definitely would not be engaging in party fund raising during his visit.

Railtrack

is given

ultimatum

on repairs

Railtruck has been given a year

to improve the tracks outside

Euston station, after a derailment in December caused by

The Health and Safety Ex-

ecutive took the unusual step of

issuing Railtrack with an im-

provement notice to ensure

that it carried out remedial

track in north London. It is

raises doubts over Railtrack's

ability to manage the network.

vatisation News, said: "Rail-track has let the track deteriorate badly. When it was transferred from BR to Rail-

track in April 1994, there were

no speed restrictions and it

was in good condition. This is

In December, a charter train

operated by Waterman Rail-

ways, was derailed at Primrose Hill, completely wrecking two

coaches. Petc Waterman, who

runs the company, is considering legal action against Railtrack. The HSE has given Railtrack until the end of February 1997

to improve the track and fail-

ure to do so will result in a fine.

The track is around 30 years old.

about the limit for such heavi-

ly used mils. Following the ac-cident. Spections revealed the

track to be in a very poor state.

passengers can expect a lengthy

period of speed restrictions

A Railtrack spokesman said:

The problem is that there is a

long-term scheme to improve

the West Coast Main Line and

we do not want to have to car-

ry out the work twice by re-

placing large sections of track

"But safety is paramount

and we will do whatever is re-

quired of us by the HSE."

at this stage.

Commuters and other rail

just a case of neglect."

Roger Ford, editor of Rail Pri-

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR ransport Correspondent

faulty rails

rine's base and the British em-bassy in Moscow, the destroyer HMS Glasgow left the manocuvies to rendezvous with the

Lewis in the Outer Hehrides. £2m charity gift The charity Save The Children has been bequeathed its largest personal gift, more than 2.7m, by Violet Evans, of Bexhili, East Sussex, in appreciation of the work of its president, the Princess Royal, Mrs Evans died

spy ship farce A Russian seaman suffering from appendicitis was wordless

off a spy submarine restercial assisted by a Royal Navy ship

from the Nato energies of which the Russians were spring-

After a bizarre exchange of

signals between the subma-

submarine 90 miles north of

last October, aged 94.

Airport tragedy An aircraft engineer was crushed to death when the undercarriage of a plane fell on him in a hangar at Coventry air-port, Ian Mitchell, 28, of Long Itchington, Warwickshire, died in hospital after the accident. The Health and Safety Executive has begun an investigation.

Free check-ups call

Dentists called for the reinstatement of free check-ups after a survey showed that one in two people would have their teeth examined more often if charges were abolished. The Harris poll of more than 1,000 people was carried out for the British Dental Association. work on the five-mile stretch of

highly embarrassing for Rail-track, which is due to be priva-TV and theatre stars attended used in May, as it involves a key area of the rail network and it

Actor remembered

a memorial service in London for Paul Eddington, who played Jim Hacker in Yes, Minister. He died on 5 November last year after a prolonged illness caused by a rare form of skin cancer.

Mark of affection

A husband who carved his initials on his wife's hottom with a hot knife at her request did not commit an assault, three appeal judges ruled. Quashing the conviction of Alan Wilson, 38. from Doncaster, Yorkshire. they said his wife Julie regarded the marks as "a desirable personal adorament".

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Royal visit: Prince to raise concerns over long-term environmental effects of Sea Empress disaster

Population of Scoter ducks falls victim of oil spillage

NICHOLAS SCHOON **Environment Correspondent**

A small, ciark and mysterious duck is the main victim of the Sea Empress oil spiil. A large fraction of the entire population of Senter ducks wintering in British waters are in danger of being wiped out.

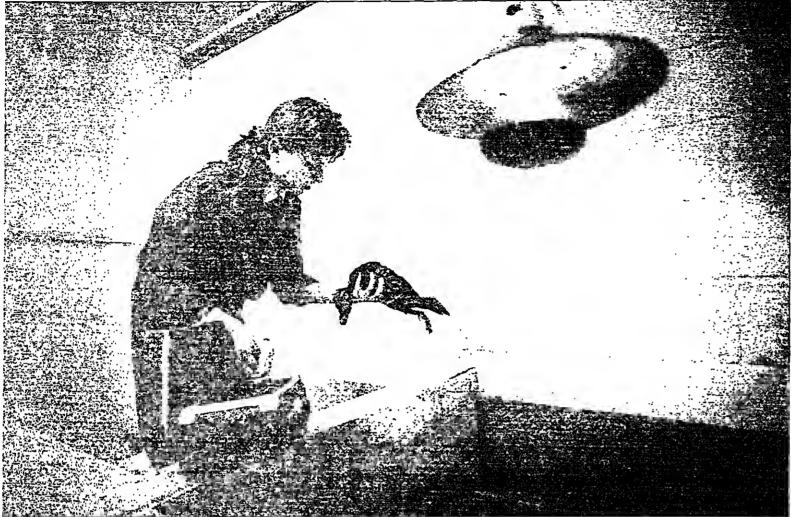
There were about six thous sand - about one-lifth of the total British population - in Car-marthen Bay, west Wales, when the superianker his aground two weeks ago. Most have been oiled and are likely to die. By last night about 2,300 had been rescued from the beaches but more than 1,000 had been lound dead.

"This species has surfered above all," said Euan Dunn, marine policy officer with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, "It's safe to say that over half the birds in Carmarthen Bay are likely to succumb, and this is their most important British site.

The Prince of Water learnt of the ail spill's effection the Scoter during a three-hour visit to the Milford Haven area yes-terday. He spoke to fishermen, representatives of the fourist industry and environmental hodies. Today he will raise their concerns with William Hague. Secretary of State for Wales.

He was briefed on the cleanup operation and told that eight The Loop Plana - are being used to collect oil in near-shore

waters using floating booms. The Prince visited only one beach at West Angle Bay and this had already been cleaned fairly thoroughly. Two miles away at Freshwater West, which has received repeated slickings, there were large quantities take place, preferably under of oil and no clean-up stoff. Lord Donaldson, and that



Oil casualty: RSPCA inspector Jo Nash with a dead duck at the cleaning centre in Milford Haven (Photograph: Rob Stratton). Below right: A healthy Scotter

They were all working at full stretch at beaches further to the east. Large quantities of oil conmile stretch of coast, some of them hitting beaches which have escaped until now.

Some of the people the Prince metasked for a public inquiry as well as the Department of Transport's marine accident. Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, assured the Commons yesterday that the inquiry into the Sea Emprise spill will be

"thorough and independent". Paul Flynn, the Newport West Labour MP, asked him: "Will you give on undertaking today that the roll inquiry will

inquiry will be public and en-tirely independent?

Mr Heseltine replied: "The Marine Accident Investigation Branch will carry out a thorough and independent inquiry into the cause of the incident and the conduct of the salvage opera-

Nick Ainger, Labour MP for Pembroke, said advanced radar of Milford Haven had been out of action for six months before

The Government, keen to minimise the political fallout from the disaster, yesterday announced that the insurers of the Sea Empress are establishing a claims handling office immediately in Milford Haven. Mr Hague and Lord Goschen.

the Minister for Aviation and Shipping, said the office will make hardship payments to those suffering financial losses following the accident.

Lord Goschen said: "The Government is very concerned about the financial hardship which could be caused especially to those who earn their living from the sea, I want to give preper compensation for pollution damage.

Pumping off a final ship-ment of oil from the tanker was due to begin early today and should be completed tomorrow. All but one of its 14 cargo tanks were holed during the grounding and subsequent salvage attempts and about 70,000 tonnes poured into the sea.





Escaped convict phones paper

A convicted robber who went on the run after attempting to sue police who shot him during a post-office van raid said last night: "I just want to clear my

Steven Charalambous, 26. absconded from Hollesley Bay Colony open prison in Suffolk, when his plans to sue Metro-politan Police Commissioner Sir Paul Condon caused a legal row. He is claiming £250,000 damages for physical and emotional pain during his arrest in February 1993. He says police committed unlawful assault and "trespais to the person".

But in a statement on Wednesday the Legal Aid Board said it had suspended his legal aid and would not allow Charalambous to take his case

to a court hearing.
In a two-minute phone call to the London Evening Standard newspaper. Charalambous claimed: I am not on the run officially. I have taken three days away and am going to hand myself back." He left the jail a large working farm for cateon C and D inmutes - im Wednesday in order to put his side of the case. He said: "I was shocked and outriged at what

they verote in the newspapers. Charalambous, of Finsbury Park, north London, was jailed or five years after admitting conspiracy to rob and firearms offences. He had been shot three times by police marksmen after he ignored calls to drop his gun, which was an imitation. When recuptured. Charatambous will be returned to a

closed prison. He could have ex-

Irish peace process: PM makes IRA an offer it will find hard to refuse

Momentum for talks builds as Major joins 'right' side

DAVID MCKITTRICK Ireland Correspondent

Pressure on the IRA to move towards a new ceaseure is being maintained at a high level largely hecause John Major has, in the eyes of nationalist Ireland, finally put himself on the right side of the talks issue.

That opinion also holds for sizeable though less publicly vociferous section of Unionist opinion, which has also come to the conclusion that talks hold the key to progress.

Street summit Mr Majer came to endorse the view, strongly argued by Dublin and Social Democratic Labour Party leader John Hume, that a clear timetable and path to talks should be laid out. In doing so he not only met Sinn Fein's request for the setting of a fixed date for talks but also joined the consensus in favour of a swift move to the table.



carried out in mid-Fehruary, following the Docklands bombing, for the Dublin Sunday Indendens. This found that, even in the absence of an IRA ceasefire, all-party talks were favoured by 85 per cent in the Republic and 56 per cent in Northern Ireland. With an IRA ceasefire in place. the figures rose to 94 per cent and 80 per

The issue of talking to ter- land and Britain said he should rorists or their representatives bear some of the blame. This was for a quarter of a century one of the most controversial in Irish politics, and although many contacts were made they almost always took place in secret. Then in 1993 the issue moved

to centre-stage when it emerged that Mr Hume was holding private talks with Sinn Fein President. Gerry Adams. The disclosure led to a storm of political protest and condemnation, but Mr Hume's approach was seen to be endorsed by gen-eral nationalist public opinion. The IRA ceasefire of August

1994 was widely seen as vindication and justification of the policy of holding dialogue with elements such as Sinn Fein. In its wake many Unionists said privately that talks with Sinn Fein were inevitable, but Unionist political leaders favoured delay.

Mr Major's endorsement of this approach was one reason why, when the ceasefire broke down, sections of opinion in Irewas reflected in another opinion poll which indicated that more than 70 per cent of people in the Republic held the British government responsible for the collapse of the ceasefire.

That collapse seems if any thing to have increased the numbers favouring talks. While Unionist leaders continue to exude resistance to talks, elecommunity as disparate as senior husinessmen, police of

nior husinessmen, police off-and loyalist paramitimess say With this wer-ussions. Major has ships a summit Mr He is no longited his position, termined the seen as one de-almost in delay the process stroke wite finitely, and at a those was joined the ranks of those was joined the ranks of table tho say that getting to the doir is a matter of urgency. In and so he has taken the moral ma political high ground, and it de the IRA an offer which ill find difficult to refuse.

Adams 'committed to new chasefire'

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with senior government officials, but unless an IRA coasefire is declared in the meantime it will not be permitted to meet min-

The focus, and the pressure, is at the moment on the IRA. since all other shades of nationalist opinion have given en-thuslastic support to the Anglo-Irish communiqué. Mr Adams, questioned about the tra time added to his sentence. | prospects for a ceasetire, yes-

terday answered: "If you're say-ing to me, do I think that will happen tonight or tomorrow night or the next night. I think it's most unlikely."

The accounts of the meeting between Mr Hume. Mr Adams and the IRA are interesting in that they all presented Mr Adams as aligning himself with Mr Hume in appealing for a resumption of the peace process.

The IRA said: "We listened

attentively to the case present-

and firm reasons for endingink

ommended a return to the ceasefire and a cessation of violence Mr Adams confirmed he had made it clear to the IRA that \mathbb{H}^1 wanted a restoration of the ceasefire. He said: "I spelled ofe my sadness and regret that tut ceasefire had ended, and the spelled out their very fracev

ed by both leaders and noted

I reiterated my commitment to their shared commitment to rebuilding the ceasefit. restoring the peace process." Mr The IRA for its pre appears Hume said Mr Adams had rec-

in no hurry to reprint in detail to the summit. While the pres-sure is consterable, it clearly does not rejard Monday's talks as a dea fine which it should scramhi so meet. Its real dead-line is pubbably 10 June, the date set for the opening of all-party talks. If a new ceasefire is to hap-pen it could be declared at any point between now and then.



Treatment hope: Finnish discovery prompts search for vaccine that could 'eliminate disease'

Virus linked to cervical cane

GLENDA COOPER

Cervical cancer could be drastically reduced by routine testing for a virus when smears are taken, doctors said yesterday. The virus, which is a common

one, infects about one in 20 women, has no symptoms and is generally transmitted through sexual intercourse.

If a vaccine for the virus could be developed the deaths from cervical cancer, currently 500,000 worldwide each year, could be drastically reduced. The human papillomavirus type 16 (HPV 16) - related to

researchers in Finland in the British Medical Journal today. Dr Peter Sasieni, epidemiol-ogist for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, said the dis-

wart viruses - is said to be "the

major factor" linked to cervical

cancer according to a paper by

covery had great implications for the treatment of the cancer. There are both short-term and long-term things we could do which would aid us. We could put a test for the virus into the cervical screening pro-

"We know that the cervical smear test is not perfect, but if

would not miss the proportion that we miss at the moment." About 4,000 cases of cancer

and 18,000 cases of pre-cancer are detected annually in Britain.
There were 1.369 deaths from cervical cancer in 1994, most among women who had never been screened. A scheme set up in 1988 and offering a three or five-vearly test to women aged 25 to 64, is estimated to save 1,000 to 2,000 lives a year.

More than 18,000 women in Finland were invited to a health examination between 1966 and 1972 which included asking

we were testing for the virus we about medical history, smoking and taking a blood sample. All those who had given blood and were free of cancer at the time were followed by

> In the study, between 65 and 95 per cent of cervical cancers mained the human papillomavirus DNA. About half of the patients with cervical cancer tested positive for antibodies to

public health researchers.

Nearly a quarter of the women found to have developed cervical cancer by 1991 had detectable antibodies when the survey started, and addi-

DATE 11 9 AUG 1996 tional women may have infected during the average time gap of 10 and 23 years between taking the sample and derelopment of the cancer.

If a woman was found to have the virus then, as happened with a positive smear test, she was sent to a gynaecologist for a colposcopy which identifies precancerous tissue by examining the cervix. If pre-cancerous cells were found a small biopsy or laser treatment was be carried out.

Although there was thought to be a link between herpes and cancer of the cervix, the study pes only developed the cancer when the papillomavirus was

The public health impact of controlling precursor cervical lesions and cancer is potentially huge, especially in developing countries where the incidence of cervical cancer approaches 40 per 100,000 women." an edito-

rial in the BMI said.

Dr Sasieni added: The longterm implication would be if we could develop a vaccine for the virus. Then it would be possible to eliminate cervical cancer altogether."

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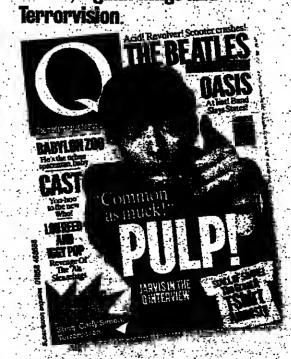
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Fans scale new heights for Cliff...

Armed with flasks of tea, camper gas stoves and provisions, 60 Cliff Richard fans are taking turns "camping out" in sub-zero temperatures in a muiti-storey car park in order to buy

tickets to see their pop hero.

The fans, who have pitched their tents on the draughty 11th floor of the south car park at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham, want to be among the first in the queue when tickets for Heathcliff - Sir Cliff's musical adaptation of Emily Bron-te's novel Wuthering Heights go on sale on Monda

Obliging Arena staff have given them the go-ahead to stay and they've even opened up lavatory and shower facilities for the hardy fans. More are expected to arrive this weekend to snap up the 4,000 tickets for each of the 16 shows which kick off on 16 October.

One die-hard fan, Phil Finnimore, 46, is planning to spend nearly £900 to buy tickets for himself and his wife, Pat, for all 16 performances. The wages clerk from Holloway Head in Birmingham, said: "People think we're crazy but it's all worth it -Cliff is a fantastic performer and



Camping out: Die-hard Cliff fan Phil Finnimore keeps warm while waiting for tickets to go on sale for the star's new m

but Radio 1 'ban' is no fun for Status Quo

ROS WYNNE-JONES

The rock band Status Quo yesterday began legal proceedings against BBC Radio 1, claiming the station has issued a "blan ket ban" on producers playing its records. The group's lawyers issued a writ for breach of contract and made an application for a judicial review over whether the station's alleged playlist ban is unlawful.

Someone seems not to like us at Radio 1," said Francis Rossi, the band's lead singer. "But the staff are not paid to be taste-makers. They should play the current Top 40, which is their

The row is being seen by Radio I as a reflection of the changing face of the station: where once Frankie Goes To Hollywood's single "Relax" was banned for referring to oral sex The Queen" was deemed un-



Rick Parfitt (left) and Francis Rossi Photograph: John Voos

suitable for airplay in Silver Juhilee year, bands are now more likely to be censored for being uncool than for swearing, drug-

references or anarchist lyrics. "There have been a number of occasions in the past two years

where we have not playlisted records in the charts, including Mr Blobby, Michael Barrymore, Michael Ball, Robson & Jerome and Cliff Richard," said a Radio I spokeswoman. *Unlike

Censored singles

Your Eyes . . .

Mr Blobby: Mr Biobby-Michael Banymore: Too Much For Cieff Richard: Misunderstood Man Five top songs Radio I before 1993 Frankle Goes to Hollywood: Relax

Sex Pistots: God Save The Queen BMX Baridis: Senous Drugs Paul McCanney: Give heland Back To The lash Virvana: Rape Me

seem to have noticed that there have been a few changes at Ra-dio 1 ... We do not slavishly follow the Top 40."

A statement from Status Quo, whose collaboration with the Beach Boys "Fun Fun Fun"

don't mind if people don's like our records - many people don't like our records. We all

have different tastes and Radio 1, which is run on licence payers money, should reflect that. The breach of contract, over 'to number one.

went straightanto the chart at

number 24 this week, said:
"Fortunately, as the current charts reflect; we do not depend on Radio, alone for our

to two verbal agreements Status Ouo alleges Radio 1 made in 1992 and 1993. Status Quo claims that when the station was band to headline its 25th birthday party and to appear at Radio I roadshows the band was promised "all reasonable con-

Declaring that the head of Radio 1's production department, Trevor Dana had acted unlawfully, the bind's statement continued: "Cur application for a judicial review is based on the beliefthat every record of every artisticated be given fair consideration and that Mr Dann is abbling his power by unilaterally declaring that Status Que do not suit the demographic of Radio FM's audience." The groups guitarist, Rick Parfitt, said "We don't mind if people don't like Declaring that the head of sideration in relationship to their playlists and broadcasts" as an "inducement". . . Although Radio 1 confirmed that "Fun Fun Fun" is not on its playlist, the station no longer

ban records, as such. Friday afternoon meetings of producers and Mr Dann decide the records for the next week and the list is published the follow-ing Monday, when bands can see whether their single has made the playlist. The station found that banning records, as in the case of "Relax", has had a tendency to catapult a single

Mrs Howard's 'sorry' by fax

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

The curse of the fax machine caused fresh pain at Conserva-tive Central Office yesterday, after a private letter to a Tory rebel from the wife of the Home Secretary, saying his treatment by the party was "monstrous", came out on the wrong fax machine.

Michael Howard faced em-

harrassment ofter the personal message of sympathy from Sandra Howard to Peter Thurnham. the MP who resigned the Tory whip in protest at the Scott report, and his wife Sarah, became public when it was madvertently faxed to a newspaper.

In the tetter, Mrs Howard, a former model, wrote: "I do wish you could stay in the fold – that t know sounds ridiculous hut we care on personal grounds. I know how poorly you it's not the fault of the whole body of Conservatives, sensible and honest and caring as the

Vast majority are... She added: "Michael has no idea that I'm writing [and try-ing to defend the Government and the partyl but he and I have such a bottomiess well of admiration for you both and feel so desolate that you should

able to stay loyal to a great and good party...

Mr Thurnham's secretary was faxing the letter to the MP's wife, but it went by accident to his local newspaper in Bolton. Making the best of a bad job, the Tories circulated the letter at Westminster last night, insisting that it contained nothing to be emharrassed about.

The letter was sent to Mr Thurnham on Saturday, 24 February – two days after he humiliated John Major by resigning within hours of meeting him to hear his appeals for the MP to stay in the party. On Monday, 26 February, Mr Thurnham voted against the Government on the Scott

He protested to Mr Major at not being given an interview for the Westmorland and Lonsdale seat, for which Mr Major's former adviser, Tim Collins was selected. Mrs Howard's note, written by hand on personal, headed notepaper, underlined the feeling that he was shabbily treated.

A fax intended for Jonathan Aitken, the former Treasury minister, warning that a tabloid newspaper was preparing a damaging report on him, was faxed to the wrong number, and emerged in the Independent on

Crash costs Dunlop £600,000

everyone else Status Quo don't

Dunlop, the tyre manufacturing giant, agreed vesterday to pay almost £600,000 in damage to four members of a family involved in a motorway accident which claimed the life of a 14-year-old girl and left eight

people seriously injured.

The accident happened as the Carrott family, of Grove, Oxfordshire, was travelling along the M4 near Swindon in an Austin Princess. A rear tyre on a Ford Cortina, carrying five people, blew out and caused the car to mount the central reservation before smashing into the Princess. Lolita Barelay, 14, from Bristol, a passenger in the Cortina, was

The dead girl's family and the injured sued Dunlop at the High Court in Oxford. A lawyer for the Carrolls claimed that the Dunlop SP4 165 radial tyre concerned had a fault and that a huge section of tread flew off because of inadequate bonding of rubber to steel cords.

After yesterday's settlement Mrs Susan Carroll, who suffered severe head injuries and now has partial sight, is to receive £550,000, her husband Alan E22,000, daughter Catherine £15,000 and son Stephen £10,000. Judge Kenneth Wilson-Mellor will deliver his formal judgment in court on Monday. Ricky into a love triangle with

BBC's queen of soaps poached by Channel 5

MARIANNE MACDONALD Media Correspondent

Corinne Hollingworth, executive producer of EastEnders, is to become controller of drama at Channel 5 in a move which signals its intention to fight ITV for mass audiences.

Her defection is the latest in a string of high-level poachings from the BBC by Dawn Airey, Channel 5's 34-year-old director of programmes. Earlier this month she announced the appointment of

Tim Gardam, head of weekly programmes for BBC news and current affairs, as controller of news, current affairs and documentaries. She has also poached Michael Attwell, the BBC's commissioner of factual programmes, to control features and arts. David Bergg. BBC1's scheduler, is joining as controller of planning at the channel which starts on New

Ms Hoilingworth, a workaholic, has gamed a reputation for winning huge drama audiences by concentrating on haman interest storylines. She also produced Casualty for the BBC. At LastEnders she spiced up storylines by having Michelle get

pregnant by her former bete

noire Grant Mitebell, throwing



gled trio Rick, Bianca and Sam

his wife Sam and girlfriend Bianca and introducing the Sharongate" tape heard by Grant in his car. Audiences earlier this month were 21.5m, more than a million higher than Coronation Street.

She was brought in to perform the same magic at Casu-alty, the hospital drama, two years ago. She pushed op viewing figures to almost 18 million by switching the focus to the love lives of the characters.

But the industry has not fortten her one flop - Eldorado, the BBC's dire sun and sangria soap set on the Costa del Sol. Ms Hollingworth was brought

in to turn it around but despite adding a million venture the soap was axed in 1992 Viewers can look forward to a populist drama couped on Channel 5. Its bid determent

Channel 5. Its bid downwan promises 16 to 20 hours of original drama in the firstycar. Emphass will be on generic drama, including a Casago, style social called Lightne affort woung doctors and nurses. cho Lane, about traince polic officers, and DFs, about an ner-city legal aid practice. Repeats will include Beverly Fill 90210, Minder and Rumpole of the Bailey will also be a diet of



West's former solicitor suspended for a year

WILL BENNETT

Howard Ogden, the serial killer Frederick West's former solicitor, was yesterday suspended for a year for unbecoming conduct, but cleared of trying to cash in on his former client's

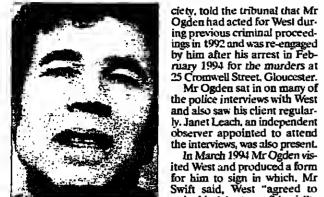
notoriety.

Mr Ogden. 42, from Cheltenham. Gloucestershire. was also ordered to pay half the costs of the solicitors disciplinaty tribunal hearing, which are likely to be several thousand pounds. The tribunal was told that he got West to sign a form which waived his right to professional confidentiality.

The tribunal also heard that West and Mr Ogden jokingly discussed a film of the murder case and talked about which actors and actresses would play the various parts.

Yesterday's case arose out of the decision by West to sack Mr Ogden in August 1994 amid allegations that the solicitor was trying to sell the book and film

rights to the case for £1m. Mr Ogden admitted two allegations vesterday that he had behaved in a way which com-



romised or impaired his professional reputation and that the waiver agreement had caused a conflict of interest between

himself and West. ment cither gave him or might have acquired him an interest in publication rights in the West case and the tribunal found in his favour on this allegation.

But he denied that the agrec-

David Swift, for the Law So-

book. Mr Swift said that the agreement which was signed by both West and Mrs Leach "represented a serious example of misconduct and breached the solicitor-client relationship. He said that Mr Ogden ini-

observer appointed to attend

waive his rights to confidentiality

The form stated Mr Ogden

my case" and meant that neither

such an agreement, but was

eventually forced to hand over all material relevant to the case by a court order obtained by West's new solicitor.

A statement from West was read to the tribunal which said: "It became clear that Mr Ogden's main concern was to get information from me to write a

Mr Ogden told the tribunal that he accepted that he should not have put Mrs Leach in the position of becoming a witness and that he should have allowed West access to another lawyer.

But Mr Ogden denied that he intended any financial gain from a book adding: "All I set out to do was to follow my as a client in favour of the respondent [Mr Ogden]". client's instructions which were to be in a position to discuss this with somebody. I believe West nor his family would ben-efit from the sales of such a that that was all the waiver of confidentiality was about."

But Philip Hodson, chairman of the tribunal, told him: "With the exceptional circumstances of the West case it was important for the respondent to take exceptional care and ensure he dealt with all matters in a nally denied the existence of scrupulous professional manner.



Suspended: Howard Ogder Photograph: Photonews

Spin doctors come into play on a matter of title

JAMES CUSICK .

The spin doctors from Britain's rival royal courts were yesterday in conflict. Buckingham Palace and the Princess of Wales's own media adviser continued at odds over the future title, role. residence and divorce settlement to be awarded to the

After a day of quiet briefings and contradictory statements from her own office and the Palace, Diana cancelled a pre-

Palace, Diana cancelled a pre-arranged charity event. Her mood was described as "very upset and decidedly sad". The Princess of Wales's pri-vate lobby was, according to in-discreet sources, describing a sad, lonely, almost neglected royal recluse all alone in the vastness of Kensington Palace. Her newly appointed media adviser, Jane Atkinson, said the Princess had reluctantly withdrawn from the British Red Cross 125th anniversary celebration. "The Princess wants a few days of. quiet at home," she said.

Elspeth Thomas, chairman of the BRC council, said: "We are very sorry that HRH the Princess of Wales is unable to the mess. Ms Atkinson said: "We are hoping the attend our event, but we fully understand and support the reasons for her decision."

The Prince of Wales, in con-. trast, was continuing with his roy-al duties. He visited the oil-spill coastal areas of Pembrokeshire. He should have been asked by the chasing media how he fell about the environmental disaster and plans that would stop another. But the only interest in oil was on the troubled waters of the

royal marriage. Divorce lawyers were yesterday described as "hard at work" by one royal source. The Princess's firm was seeking clar-ification from Buckingham Palace over her interafter divorce. Wednesday that she would be called Diana, Princess of Wales. it emerged later that she would no longer be styled Her Royal Highness. But who agreed or ordered the removal of HRH?

There is also disagreement over whether or not there was a deal Diana should keep her Kensington Palace apartment and offices at St James's Palace

The Princess, following a meeting on Wednesday after-noon with the Prince at St James's Palace, believed such things were resolved. So her advisers are saying in public. The an agreement to divorce, there was no deal.

According to a Cambridge lecturer in international politics, We are being treated to a splendid drama. I can't wait for the aext act. But please don't mention me by name . . . the knighthood, you know."

current situation can be cleared up very quickly and that negotiations can then continue in pri-vate. But we have agreed to differ with the Palace over whether the Princess decided to drop the style Her Royal Highness.

The constitutional expert Lord St John of Fawsley said that Diana would remain a member of the Royal Family. "She must be a member of the Royal Family because she is the mother of two of the princes. It is a tie of blood and family that

IVF couple 'will fight for others'

A couple who were jold they were too old to have fertility treatment on the NHS pledged to continue the fight for other couples in their thirties as they showed off their three-week-old

Julie and Michael Seale thanked the anonymous-businessman who paid for the testtube baby treatment which enabled them to become a "real family" but added that they would keep pressurising the Government to adopt a nation-

al policy on fertility treatments. Mrs Seale, 38, from Sheffield, South Yorkshire, was told two years ago that she was too old to be accepted for in vitro fertilisation [IVF] treatment under her local health authority's rules, which lay down an upper age limit of 35. Had the couple lived in Wakefield - just eight miles from their home, but covered by a different health authority - Mrs Seale would have been eligible for NHS treatment

until she was 42. She had been trying for a baby for seven years and had undergone six operations, only to be told that her only chance of conceiving was through IVF.

The comple unsuccessfully took Sheffield Health Authority to the High Court to chal-

lenge the policy, as they could not afford the £2,000 cost of the fertility treatment which had only a 25 per cent success rate.

- After they failed, an anonymous London businessman donated the money and Mrs Scale, who was treated at the reprounit and Nottingham University, became pregnant at her secoud attempt. Their baby, Jordan, was born on 5 February.

Mrs Seale told their benefactor, who has been sent pictures of Jordan via his solicitor: "I want to thank you for making us a family . . . If it wasn't for you, Jordan would not have been born."

She said yesterday: "We are going to keep up the fight for other couples even though we may be a small voice in the wilderness." Mr Seale added: "It is appalling that there is up to 15 years' difference in the availability of IVF on the NHS and people can only have it if they've got the money to pay.

Dr Simon Thornton, medical director of the clime where she was treated, said the IVF situation in other countries was much better "In Australia the government funds the system so that couples have six attempts on the health service, and in Israel couples have as many IVF attempts as it takes to have two children."

Doctors unable to work equipment to save girl

a piece of equipment that could have helped save the life of a 14-year-old girl after a routine operation went wrong, an inquest was told yesterday.

Janine Connor, of Ashtonunder-Lyne, Greater Manchester, went into Withington Hospital, Manchester, for cosmetic surgery to pm back her ears, which had embarrassed her since she was seven:

With the operation complete Janine suffered a cardiac arres as she was coming out of gen eral anaesthetic, the inquest at Swinton, Greater Manchester, heard. Two old defibrillator machines - used to provide an electrical shock to stimulate the heart - were brought into the theatre, but doctors were unable to operate them.

Up to 10 vital minutes were lost in the attempt to revive Janine before a third, more modern delibrillator was found

and used on her.

The solicitor for Janine's family, Neil Kinsella, asked the surgeon David Whitby: "Don't you think it is extraordinary that out of 10 doctors, nobody was able to operate this defibrilla tor?" Dr Whitby replied: "Yes."

Ten doctors in an operating arrest began surgeons managed theatre were unable to work to get Janine's heart working by manually massaging it after cutting open her chest. She was transferred to the intensive care unit at the Manchester Children's Hospital; but died six days later without regaining

> Doctors who gave evidence agreed that defibrillator treatment should be given as soon as possible. The inquest



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Rail link to cut ther of the London to Paris trip to 21/2 hours

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR fransport correspondent

Rapid transit between European capitals came closer to reality yesterday when the contract for the £3bn Channel tunnel rail link was finally awarded to a consortium. When the link is completed in 2003, Paris will be reached in two and a half hours by train from London, while Brussels could be reached in just

under two hours. But the consortium which includes Richard Branson's Virgin group, is at the centre of a fierce row over the extent of government funding for the

Sir George Young, the Secretary of State for Transport, announced in Parliament that London & Continental, a consortium of eight companies, would receive £1.4bn at present prices in subsidy to build the link. In addition to the 68-mile high-speed rail link hetween St Pancras and the mouth of the tunnel at Folkestone, which is expected to cut about half an hour off the journey to Paris and Brussels, the consortium will also build stations at Stratford in east London and the as-yet

non-existent Ebbsfleet in Kent. From April, as part of the ternational station at Stratford deal and to provide it with a surprised and delighted local MP source of revenne, L&C will be given the assets of European Passenger Services, the British arm of Eurostar. Sir Derek

that Eurostar was at present losing money and the consortium's first priority was to turn it around: "At the moment it has 3 million passengers per year, and that's not enough. It is a very good service but there has heen a failure on the marketing

and ticketing side."
He said that by 2000, there would be "more than double" that number using the service. At present, loadings have been around 50 per cent on the Paris route and under 30 per cent on the Brussels line.

nection to the West Coast main line, which means that trains from Manchester, Birmingham and many other regional centres will be able to connect directly with the Channel tonnel. Sir Derek envisaged an hourly service to Paris from Birmingham and Manchester, with the intermediate stop at Stratford rather than St Pancras, which

will save up to an hour.

The French section of the route is already a high-speed line with trains travelling at 186mph, while the Belgian section is due to come into use in two phases over the next two years, saving half an hour on the journey.

The decision to build an in-Stephen Timms who said: "The decision makes Stratford the natural base for the growing number of European companies Hornby, chairman of L&C, said looking for locations in London."

L&C also announced that the company would be floated on the stock exchange after the Bill enabling the construction of the route was passed, which is likely to be in the spring of 1997. The Government has been

spurred on to build the link depite the large amount of subsidy because of its embarrassment over the comparison between the journey in France on high-speed tracks and Britain where delays are often caused by the international trains having to share the line with old Southern Region rattlers. A previous at-tempt to build the link was L&C's bid includes a conshelved five years ago because the Government refused to

provide any funding.

The consortium will also receive £100m in grant from the European Union, bringing total public subsidy to £1.5bn, in addition to Eurostar. The extent of subsidy was criticised by Labour's transport spokeswoman, Clare Short, who accused the Government of "handing over £3bn worth of public assets. On top of this, the Government is writing off £1.3bn worth of Eurostar debt and contributing £1.4bn to the project. Thus the taxpayer is contributing £5.7bn in value for a £3bn project that we could

have had at £1bn cost in 1989' Sir George replied that he did not believe the delay had cost more and added that the project was not just about transport but regeneration as well.

Top show: An exhibition of Leonardo da Vinci drawings from the Royal Collection opens today at The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace. It includes sketches for the Adoration of the Magi and the Last Supper, plus designs for war machines and fold-up boats Photograph; Nick, Turpin

Police to sue over CS spray injuries

JASON BENNETTO

Crime Correspondent Three police instructors who taught other officers bow to use

CS sprays are attempting to sue for alleged injuries caused by the incapacitant. News of the actions come as 16 forces in England and Wales

started trials of the CS devices. Civil liberty groups and critics believe not enough is known about the spray, which they fear could lead to deaths and a flood of litigation. The training officers are un-

derstood to be seeking com-pensation for blistering caused to their skin after exposure to the spray during pre-trails. The claims for damages are the latest blow in the run up to the sixmonth trials of the hand-held CS spray which start today among 2,500 patrol officers.

also seeking damages after they suffered blistering.
The Home Office and the Association of Chief Police Officers argue that the CS spray has been thoroughly tested and is safe if proper aftercare is used. injured by the spray.

Metropolitan Police inspector

said he suffered 50 per cent

burns to his eyes and had to

bave them covered for five

days. He has claimed that the

spray could cause severe in-

juries. His case led to the post-

ponement of trials last year.

derstood to be from Surrey, are

Two other instructors, un-

banned from training officers on how to use CS sprays because his chief constable was worried about being sued by people injured by it. Inspector Peter Boarman, a training officer from Northamptonshire police force, has been barred from teaching officers outside his region after Ted Crew, Chief Constable of Northamptonshire, said he feared his force could be sued if someone was

month one of Britain's leading the Police Federation, representing rank and file members. police self-defence experts was said yesterday: "We would have preferred to use pepper sprays. but CS spray is the next best option. We have been given cate-goric assurances by Home Office scientists that there are no long-term health risks, but we will be carefully monitoring the trials.

Trials of the CS canisters, which have a range of up to three metres, will last six months, Police forces involved will be the Met, West Midlands,

Merseyside, Greater Manchester. Avon and Somerset, Cambridgeshire, Cleveland, Dorset, Durham, Dyfed-Powys, Kent, Leicestershire, Northumbria, North Yorkshire, West Mercia, and West Yorkshire.

If trials are successful, police throughout Britain could be issued with them. The CS powder is mixed with a solvent inside the canister and sprayed into the face. It takes immediare effect and causes streaming eyes and nose, eyelids spasm, breathing difficulties, and in some cases blistering to the skin.

Lottery cash for school sport

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Education Correspondent

Every primary school child in England will have access to sports facilities, coaching and kit under a £12m scheme funded by the National Lottery.

The programme, announced yesterday by the Sports Council, is designed to tackle growing fitness problems among a generation of youngsters year 2000.

hooked on television and computer games.
Up to 4 million children are

expected to be involved in the next three years, helped by 250,000 staff at 53,000 schools and community centres.

The scheme is designed to meet the Prime Minister's pledge to bring every child in every school within reach of adequate sporting facilities by the

Schools will be sent a bag of equipment and a set of activity cards and teachers given training in how to use them. Children between four and nine will be taught co-ordination, ball skills and teamwork. A separate and overlapping scheme for those aged seven to eleven will introduce them to mini versions of hockey, netball, cricket, rug-by, tennis, table tennis and basketball

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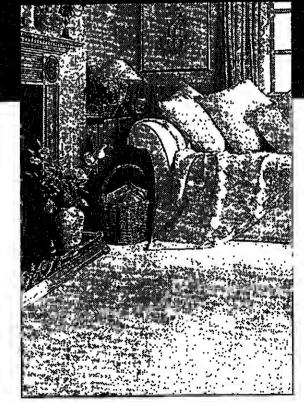
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EU leaves Wensleydale dairy out in the cold

NIGEL BURNHAM

A row erupted yesterday between the makers of one of England's most famous cheeses and the Ministry of Agriculture following the omission of "Wensleydale" from a new EU list of 300 protected food and

drink products.
The list, which is designed to prevent traditional products unique to particular areas from being copied elsewhere, in-cludes champagne, Newcastle Brown Ale. Scotch beef - and eight European cheeses.

But it does not include Wensleydale, the pride and joy of its manufacturers. Wensleydale Dairy Products of Hawes. (WDP), the company which rescued the local creamery after Dairy Crest - the commercial arm of the Milk Marketing Board - closed it down in 1992.

Yorkshire's most celebrated cheese has been made in Worsleydale for 1,000 years and sold commercially for the past century. To aficionados it is the one and only crumbly, bitter-sweet genuine article, distinct from at least three impostors.

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(PDO) list has left the cream-ery's managers and its 70-strong workforce stunned and angry. David Hartley, managing director of WDP, which last year

he Lin

"There's only one Wensleydale in the whole of the world ... so it's particularly galling to us that we've been left off this list." Mr Hartley laid the blame for

Ministry of Agriculture which, he said, told the creamery of the deadline on applications for the list after the deadline had passed. A ministry spokesman

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licised and he was "at a loss" to know why the creamery didn't know of it. He added that WDP was likely to be included on the

Attacks up, but Condon defends street initiative

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

The number of muggings in London has increased by 1,000 in the past six months despite high-profile police operation gainst street attacks, it was

disclosed yesterday. However, Sir Paul Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, described the initiative as a great success as figures also revealed a 75 per cent increase in arrests for muggings during the same period. In addition, the number of street crimes had started to drop in the three months to the

a furore among sections of the

were being criminalised.

ond of January.

Operation Eagle Eye caused

capital's black community when it was launched last August. It was directed largely at young black men, identified as the group who carried out most muggings. Community leaders believed that black youngsters

Figures released yesterday showed that six out of ten people arrested in the operation were young black men. Seven out of ten of the victims described their assailant as a black male. Gangs of youths aged 14 to 15 are largely. ponsible for the crimes. The initiative, which involves

officers using video surveillance to target suspected mug-gers, was set up after the public identified the problem as a key

concern. Metropolitan Police figures showed yesterday that the number of muggings rose by 5.7 per cent in the first six months of the initiative. There were 18,398 muggings between August last year and this January, compared with 17,402 in the same period in the previous year.

Sir Paul yesterday denied this was a failure and argued that the police had now got the problem under control. He said that although the number of muggings had risen, the rate at had predicted the figures would rise by 20 per cent unless action

"Any increase is disappointing, but in the context of what was happening, I think it has been a dramatic success," be said. He also pointed out that both the detection rate and the number of arrests had increased significantly.

In the last six months there were 2,586 arrests for mug-ging compared with 1,474 in the equivalent period in 1994/95. It also emerged that in November December and Jannary there was a decrease of around 1,000 - to about 8,000 - in the number of muggings reported compared to the

previous year. Sir Paul revealed that muggings were typically committed by gangs of between two and eight people of varying ages. The average age was around 14 to 16, but some were young as 11 or 12. Girls were sometimes involved, but usually in nonviolent roles.

Questioned about the targeting of young black men, Sir Paul said: "It would be irrewho is being arrested and who



Zoologist lifts lid on evolution of tortoise shells

CHARLES ARTHUR **-Science Correspondent

Comedians might wonder why the chicken crossed the road. but scientists have a more vexing question: bow did the mag tortoise gets its sbell? An day. Australian zoologist working on fossil records believes he has

He says the creature grew so big it needed stronger bones. to support its back. Then, it started growing a shell and could not stop. Tortoises and turtles are both reptiles, putting them in the same grouping as snakes. But their armoured shell, made of a fosed spine and ribs, sets them apart in a group

known as "cbelonians". They are both descended from a small, extinct reptile, which had no armoured shell, a flexible spine and was only slightly smaller than modern

Michael Lee, at the University of Sydney, has studied the family tree of these animals, and found that at some stage in their evolution, millions of years ago.

support the stronger muscles needed to swim by flexing their spine. Contrary to previous intuition, dermal armour probably did not function defensively," he says in the science magazine Nature, published to-

But as the muscles grew larger and stronger, bony additions, known as "osteoderms", were needed - until they began to cover the animals' backs and restrict the spine's ability to flex. Tortoises and sturtles had increasingly to use their limbs as paddles, because they could not rely on the fish-like twist-ing of the spine to propel them through water or over land.

Professor Lee says this loss of

agility and speed would have "locked them further into a herbivorous [plant-eating] niche."

This process soon became un-stoppable in evolutionary terms. Over a few tens of millions of years, the bones of the spine and the osteoderms fased into a single piece, as did the ribs underneath, because they served to ward off predators. That left tortoises and turtles at they grew much bigger - up to a metre long - and needed larg-er vertebrae on their back to entirely different appearance. almost the same size as their original ancestor - but with an

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Prayer (I)

By George Herbert

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The Christian plummet sounding heaven and Earth,
Engine against th' almighty, sinner's tower,
Reversed thunder, Christ-side-pieting speat,
The six-days world transposing in an hous,
A kind of tune, which all things hear and fear,
Softness, and peace, and joy, and love, and bliss,
Exalted manna, gladness of the best,
Heaven in ordinary, man well dressed,
The Milky Way, the bird of paradise,
Church-bells beyond the stars heard, the soul's blood,
The land of spices; something understood.

George Herbert (1593-1633), elergyman and poet, was an aristocrat by birth but a parish priest by choice. It was always the simple piety of faith that informed his verse rather than the pricking anxieties of spiritual conflict. He is known best today for his poem "Love". "Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back. Omitty of dust and sin", but was admired in his own century and acknowledged as a leading metaphysica poet long before the publication of his single volume The Temple. He died aged 40 on 1 March 1633.

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Came ot told to justify lottery profits of £65m

REBECCA FOWLER

Camelot, operator of the National Lottery, admitted yester-day that it expected to make a pre-tax annual profit of £65m.

but denied being granted a "licence for daylight robbery". The profits, which equate to ± 108.000 for each of its 600 employees, were scutinised by the all-party Commons Select Cominitiee on National Heritage, Sir.

John Gorst, Tory MP for Hendon North, asked: "How can you possibly justify the sort of money you are making?"

The directors of Camelot

defended their 5 per cent cut from the lottery, to cover their costs and profit, on the basis that the company and its investors had taken a substantial risk in setting it up.

Tim Holley, chief evecutive.

said they faced daily fines of £1m

if they had postponed the launch. He defended their profits on the basis that under the lottery licence, the greater the turnover. the smaller the percentage profit for the operator. He said that they would never make more than Ip in the pound from it.

Since the lotters was set up 15 months ago, it has been an unprecedented success with upto 40 million people playing each week, more than vote in

the general election. However, Mr Holley said he was mixious that it should not "joverheat". Camelot will bring out new games, including the mid-week draw, gradually to ensure that the public is not saturated by lotunder-th-vear-olds. tery fever. "My concern is that we don't throw everything in the pot in the first year or so.

and cannot sustain it over a long period," he said. The company denied that it

had set sales targets for the 28,300 outlets that sell lottery veillance following allegations tickets in Britain as part of an aggressive marketing campaign. It also said it was active in preventing the sale of tickets to

Only one retailer, a Liverpool shopkeeper who sold a ticket to a t2-year-old boy, had been forced to give up his ticket terminal. But Camelot said that a turther 201 shops were being

of illegal sales.

Any suggestion that prizes should be capped by the committee, chaired by Gerald Kautman, to prevent huge jackpots -which have included more than £40m in a double-rollover week was resisted by Camelot on the basis that the public responded best to high prizes. David Rigg, Camelot's com-

munications director, said that because many people played in syndicates and most jackpot numbers were shared by more than one ticket, the average individual jackpot win was

The performance of the company was also largely defended by Peter Davis, directorgeneral of Oflot, the lottery vatchdog, who gave evidence to the committee yesterday. Mr

Davis recently resisted calls for his resignation fullowing his admission that he had accepted a series of free flights from Camelot's US partner.

Joe Ashton, Labour MP for Bassellaw, suggested that be-cause Mr Davis had picked Camelot as the lottery operator. he was an "incongruous" choice to act as watchdog, "It's a bit like the referee picking his own team," he said.

Tories accused over jail costs

'Wasteful' NHS offices

to be investigated

HEATHER MILLS Home Affairs Correspondent

Ministers were accused yesterday of misleading Parliament and the public by falsely claiming that private jails are cheap-

or than those run by the state. Anne Widdecombe, minister at the Home Office, told a Prison Service conference just month that private prisons were between 15 and 20 per centcheaper than their state counterparts. She was explaining the loss of 3,000 jobs in the state pure ript a time when inmate numbers were at record levels.

In Janeary, William Walde-grave, Chief Secretary to the freasury, told the Commons: "Private see or prisons have demonstrated greater officienevaluan those retained and rundirectly in the traditional way."

But internal finance documents - obtained by Labour showed that for the six months ending in September last year. some state prisons cost less per inmate than those in the private

Comparing five similar prisons - two private and three state-run - Labour said the average cost to the taxpayer per inmate in a private jail was £18,740, compared with an average £18,590 in state jails.

The prison at Doneaster, run by the Florida-based companies Sereo and Wackenbur, cost £19,694 and was the most George Howarth, Labour's

spokesman on prisons, said: Home Office ministers have consistently argued that cuts in the prison budget can be met by the process of privatisation. The statistics we have revealed clearly show that claims made by the Government are without justification.

"The information that we tevealed today has been available to the government since September, Home Office ministers must have known about



Treasure trove: 'Nighthawkers' found a collection of ancient gold coins buried beneath the land of this Home Counties farmer, who did not

Law may soon be watching the detectorists

A brand-new National Health Service building is to be investigated by the National Audit Office, the public finance watchdog, amid allegations that millions of pounds of taxpayers' money have been wasted.

Westminster Correspondent

CHRIS BLACKHURST

Robert Sheldon, Labour MP for Ashton-under-Lyne, chairman of the Commons Public Ac-

counts Committee, has written to the NAO asking it to look into the NHS executive's decision to spend 64.1m on moving its Northern and Yorkshire regional headquarters from Harrogate

and Newcastle to Durham. The NHS has spent £3.4m re-furbishing Harrogate and £0.9m in Newcastle, Yet Harrogate was sold for just £2.8m. The new Durham building is costing 11.182 per square metre.

RESECCA FOWLER

Britain's treasure hunters are at war. Proposed new legislation for what happens to unearthed heards, including ancient coins and non-precious metals, has fuelled animosity between archaeologists, landowners and metal detectorists.

They are divided over the

Treasure Bill, designed to re- on the Bill, has been among form medieval law covering the discovery of lost gold and silver - which will receive its second reading next week - and Aluseum. a code calling for detectorists to

might have historical interest. David Graham, honorary secretary of Surrey Archaeological Society, and an adviser

report any antiquities which

those pushing for change, alongside historians and institutions including the British

Their concern was heightened a decade ago, when a Roman temple at Wanborough. near Guildford, in Surrey, was plundered by unscrupulous

"nighthawkers". An estimated £1.5m worth of Iron Age and Roman coios disappeared.

There are at present 30,000 metal detectorists in Britain, who are estimated to find around 400,000 items a year, although only a minority of these are either precious or of significant historical interest.

tion of treasure to cover anything that has a 5 per cent precious metal content, compared to the existing 50 per cent. Other objects which do not contain precious metal are also covered, if found as part of a hoard, and no object needs to have been buried with the in-

tention of being recovered, to

Ryder is 52nd Tory to quit at election

The Former Conservative Chief Whip Richard Ryder, MP for the safe Tory seal of Mid-Norfolk, is to stand down at the next election.

an MP in 1983, was John Ma-jor's Chief Whip from 1990 until he stood down in last summer's reshuffle. He said in a statement vesterday: "I have decided, after ione consideration, to inform the Mid-Norfolk Conservative Association that. with much sadness. I shall not be a candidate at the next general election."

He said he would carry on with his constituency duties and offered his "total support" to the Prime Minister.

Mr Ryder gave no hint as to his reason for going, but even when he was Chief Whip he was said to be considering giving up politics for an academic career. He is also reported to suffer from a had back.

Mr Major appointed the selfeffacing Mr Ryder Chief Whip after reaching 10 Downing
Street in November 1990.
The job involves getting the
Government's legislative programme through Parliament.
As Mr Major's Commons
majority fell, and backbench

Tory MPs became more rebellious, Mr Ryder's job became harder. He was blamed for the failure of the Government to win the crucial Commons vote over VAT on fuel.

Conservative Central Diffice said Mr Ryder is their 52nd MP to announce that he or she will

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Universities 'may not survive' funding cuts

FRAN ABRAMS Education Correspondent

Universities were facing up to the higgest funding cuts in a decade last night amid warnings that some of them might not survive until the Government's

newly announced review of higher education is complete. Among the hardest hit were some of England's biggest and most prestigious institutions, including Oxford, Cambridge and Imperial College, London.

Last night the bead of the Government's university fund-

Government's university funding agency admitted that the sys-tem could suffer serious damage if more money was not found in the next few years.

England's 170 universities and higher education colleges suffered real-terms cuts of 5 per cent overall, but budgets for buildings and equipment were reduced by 29 per cent. Professor Gareth Roberts,

vice-chancellor of Sbeffield University and chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, warned that some universities could close. Four English institutions

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He said the Government's inquiry into higher education, beaded by Sir Ron Dearing and due to report in the summer of 1997, could come too late for some of them. "There is a limit to how much more can be achieved and still retain the capacity to impart the skills and knowledge that employers re-quire from students," the pro-fessor said. "If further cuts are made, some universities may not survive until the results of the Dearing inquiry can be implemented in 1999 or beyond."

then that interaction is affected," he said. However, Professor Roberts added that he had great confidence in university managers and was sure that they could survive the next year. Some leading research institutions had lost out because of technical changes in the way difforent subject areas were Officials denied that science

funding was being cut in order to put more money into art and sign, but among the very few institutions to see a rise in budgets this year were the Royal College of Art and Wimbledon School of Art.

In 1994, ministers amounced that they would spend £365m on university buildings in 1996-97 but the actual figure has dropped to £245m.

A spokeswoman for Cam-bridge University said the university would lose £6m in the next financial year.

"We are going to look at the figures very carefully and not make any hasty reactions or ring any alarm bells," she said. "We want to take our time and look at the figures very carefully



Getting it on: The British singer Seal performing a tribute to Marvin Gaye at the Grammys in Los Angeles, where his 'Kiss From A Rose' won best song Photograph: AP

Kiss is enough to Seal Grammy

JOJO MOYES

The British singer Seal won the coveted song of the year award at vesterday's American Gram-my awards, with a song he had briefly consigned to the dustbin. Seal's "Kiss from a Rose" from the album Seal won record and song of the year, and he also received a Grammy for best male pop vocal performance.

"'Kiss From a Rose' was the one that really stood out, not as a great song but as a sore thumb." Seal said, at the US music industry's top awards in Los Angeles. "I saw it as so different that it couldn't fit in with the concept of the album. For

a while we actually dropped it." His producer rescued it. Scal said, adding that the song had been written so many years earlier that he no longer remembered what it was about.

His fellow British artist Annie Lennox received a Grammy for best temale pop vocal performance. She said she was honoured to win in a year of so many strong performances by women artists.

This year's awards boldly eschewed the mainstream, as was demonstrated by the four awards picked up by the alter-native Canadian rock singer Alanis Morissette - and by the failure of the six-times nominated Mariah Carey to pick up

a single prize for her sugary pop. Morissette, 21, who shot to international stardom last year with her raw anthems of love and loss, won the awards for album of the year, best rock album, best rock song and best female rock vocal performance.

Her Jagged Little Pill album, which has sold more than 5 million copies in the US, beat the veterans Bob Dylan and Neil Young as well as U2. It also beat Michael Jackson in the key al-bum of the year category.

"I accept this on behalf of anyone who's ever written a song from a very pure place, a very spiritual place," Moris-sette said, after receiving the album of the year award."

The Grammys' 8,000 music industry voters also awarded Frank Sinatra his first competitive Grammy in 29 years. His Dueis II was named best traditional pop vocal performance.

Female staff miss utility pay-outs

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

Thousands of women have by 13 electricity companies missed out on lump sums of up throughout the United Kington for E44,000 each after failing to claim compensation for forced five years earlier than male early retirement.

The public service union Unison yesterday announced it had won a total £1.4m pay-out for 55 women who were made to retire at 60 by the former nationalised electricity boards.

Despite an advertising campaign, however, many more are known to have slipped through to claim compensation because their cases are "out of time".

The women were employed colleagues doing similar jobs. The 55 are to receive between £12,500 and £44,000 each depending on their salary at the

over 70 and expressed their delight at the windfall. Some have gone on holiday. Three have since died, one with no surviving relations left all her money

to the Save the Children Fund. The women's case was based on a judgement by the European Court of Justice in 1991 involving a British Gas worker.

Making the announcement,

Professor Brian Fender, chief

executive of the Higher Edu-cation Funding Council for England, said universities

should be able to make effi-

ciency gains amounting to about 1.5 per cent of their budgets in

the coming year, but in the longer term, quality could be hit. You clearly can't go on giv-ing allocations of this sort with-

out it having an effect, he said.

I go around campuses and one of the things students prize

most is the contact they have

with their supervisors. Clearly,

if staff-student ratios go higher.

The court ruled that the privatised gas company was "an emanation of the state" hecause it carried out public duties and therefore came under strict European equality laws. time they were retired. Unions are still taking advan-All the applicants are now tage of the ruling and attempting to ensure that privatised husinesses are brought under

Brussels directives. After favourable tribunal rulings, the Electricity Association

offered to settle the 55 cases out of court.

Meanwhile Mike Jeram, head of the new energy section of Unison, calculated that nearly 100,000 jobs bad been lost in the gas and electricity industries since privatisation.

Mr Jeram said 60,000 bad gone in the electricity industry since 1990 and 43,000 in British Gas - just over one in two of the workforce. He acknowledged deterioration in service of British Gas and concerns over the power grid's ability to meet demands were a direct result of mass redundancies.

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X-rays reveal neutron star

CHARLES ARTHUR Science Correspondent

Scientists at the US space agency Nasa have discovered an enormously dense star which, despite being only about 10 miles across, is beaming out a million times as much energy as

our sun. The object lies towards the centre of our galaxy, and is be-lieved to be made of nentroni-um - the densest possible matter, which consists only of neutrons, the neutral particles usually found at the core of atoms such as helium. Because neutrons do not repel each other, they can be packed in-credibly densely - in this case

forming a "neutron star". The scientists detected the star because it is radiating its energy as X-rays, shooting out about 20 bursts each day. Though such X-ray sources were first discovered 20 years ago, this is the most powerful

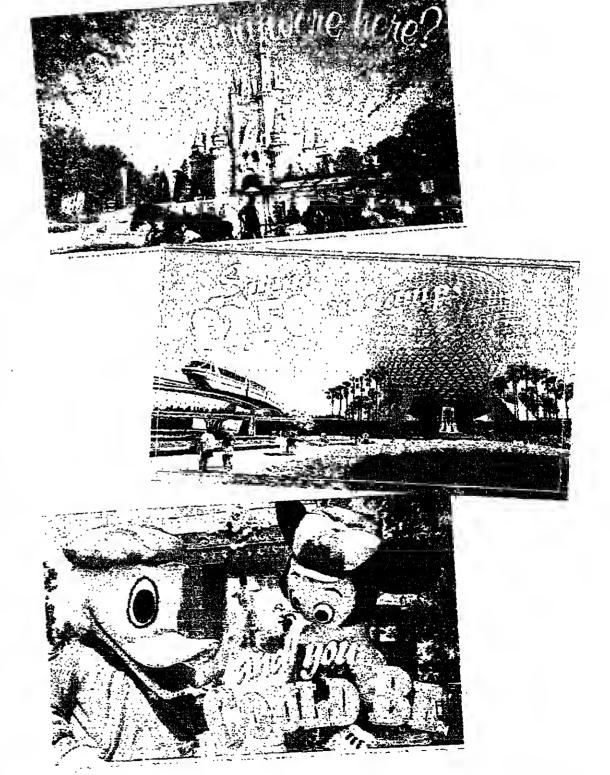
one ever observed. Fred Lamb, an astrophysicist at the University of Illinois, reckons the X-rays are caused by interstellar matter falling towards the star's surface. where gravity is roughly a hun-dred billion times greater than

Earth's. First, matter is accelerated to half the speed of light because of the nentron star's enormous gravitational force," Professor Lamh explained. "Then, it crashes into the surface and is heated to nearly 1 hillion dcgrees. Because it is so hot, the star radiates its energy almost entirely as X-rays rather than as visible light." X-rays are electromagnetic radiation, like light, but have a much higher energy and shorter wavelength.

The star - known as GROJ1744-28 - lies 30,000 light years away. The international team of scientists have been studying it since 5 December, and are now focusing an orbiting space telescope known as RXTE on it.

"With better measurements from the RXTE, we should be able to pin down the theoretical model," said Jean Swank, a scientists on the project.

It was suggested that X-ray sources were not natural phenomena - but the efforts of aliens to contact intelligent life, by manipulating stars' behaviour. This was discounted when more began to be discovered with improved radio telescopes.



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EU-Asia summit: Major treads a delicate path in Hong Kong as East-West relations undergo realignment within world markets

Tension lifts over **HK** handover

DONALD MACINTYRE

John Major yesterday went out of his way to defuse tension with China over Hong Kong after meeting the Chinese Premier Li Peng on the eve of the Prime to the colony this weekend. Mr Major went into his 45-

minute meeting with the Chinese Premier only hours after Peking's top official in the colony had warned the British Government against "stirring up trouble". Zhon Nan, head of the New China News Agency and Peking's de facto ambassador there, said: "We sincerely hope the British can carry out their obligations and fully co-operate and stir up no further trouble for Hong Kong's smooth

But Mr Major made it clear after the meeting with Li Peng that he detected a marked improvement in relations between Britain and China over the past

between the two governments over the key issues for Hong Kong democrats of a Bill of Rights and the future of the now democratically elected tegislative committee for Hong Kong (Legeo). Mr Major said he had told the Premier "that Hong Kong's success has been founded not only on economic success hut on the rule of law and that continuity and stability are a very important part of a suc-

cessful transfer in 1997.

Yesterday's statement at a New Year celebration in Hong Kong reflects the continuing ir-ritation of Chinese officials at the Governor Chris Panen's decision three years ago to introduce denvocratic reforms without Peking's agreement and the Government's stated view that an elected Legeo should continue. But after his talks in Bangkok, where he is attending the Asia/EU econom-

Mr Major did not disguise that Li Peng had shown strong that there is still no convergence signs that he recognised the need to build confidence in Hong Kong in advance of the handover. Mr Major and other British officials were encouraged by confirmation from Li Peng that China would not send its own officials to govern Hong Kong after 1997.

Mr Major raised what he himself called the "sensitive" choice of chief executive to run the colony after the handover. He said that while Li Peng had not given any indication of when the choice would be made, he had shared his aspiration that the post would be held by someone "acceptable to the people of the colony".

John Major will have to tread the delicate path, on what will prohably be the last visit of a British prime minister to the colony before the handover, of calming intense anxiety among many of the cotony's inhahitants while not worsening ic summit which opens later relations - including trade today, the Prime Minister said relations - with Peking.



Sitky smooth: John Major shakes hands with the Chinese Premier, Li Peng, at a cocktail party in Bangkok, prior to the Asia-Europe Summit which starts today. All the leaders were Thai silk shirts for the occasion Photograph: Dylan Martinez/Reuter

Portugal offers

Indonesia ties Portugal offered Indonesia a partial reopening of diplomat-ic ties in exchange for the re-lease of the East Timorese resistance leader, Xanana Gus-mao, Prime Minister Antonio Gutarres said yesterday.

"Portugal would be ready to open an interest section in a friendly embassy in Jakarta and to accept an interest section in a friendly embassy in Lisbon. he told reporters after an unexpected private meeting with Indonesia's President Suharto. Portugal and Indonesia have

been at loggerheads over East Timor since Indonesia invaded the former Portuguese colony in 1975. There have been per-sistent reports of human rights abuses on the territory. Reuter

Kohl s big sleep

Thailand's top hotel is arranging a giant-sized bed for the bulky German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, as usual at world summits. A last-minute call from protocol officers to the swanky Oriental Hotel ensured Kohi had plenty of room to stretch out after his summit

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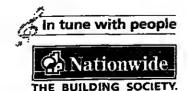
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Bangkok summit set to warm East-West trade relations

Major to the Asian-European Summit (Asem), which opens in Bangkok today, will care to gloat over the fact that back in 1855 Britain was the first Westero power to conclude a treaty with what was then the King-dom of Siam. The United States

and other powers were denied access to the King's court. Thailand, like other countries in the region, was drawn firmly into the European sphere of in-fluence, mainly by Britain. which at one time ruled all, or part of, half the ten Asian nations attending the summit. Now South East Asia, China, Japan and South Korea, who have sent their heads of government to Bangkok, are increasingly looking to the New World for economic and politrather left out in the cold.

Britain's influence has gone. The Americas have had a forregain a presence. Not just politically but economically. last remaining superpower, and

It is unlikely that any of the diplomats accompanying John Asia's rapid economic growth is leaving his agenda. At the beginning of the week he said. I think non-Europe behind, writes Stephen Vines

> ports came from Europe; two decades later that figure shrank to 15 per cent. Less than 3 per cent of European direct in-vestment finds its way to Asia, while Japan, a fellow Asian state, has become the dominant economic player in the region.

Some European powers, notably the Germans, have become increasingly aware of the shortcomings of the EU's relations with Asian countries, particularly the fast-developing economic powers who are setting a breath-taking pace of growth which leaves Europe far behind. As a whole the Asian bers of the European Union feel by around 8 per cent per year, compared with growth of no

more than 2 per cent in Europe. Ideally, the EU would like to mal link with the Asian states create an arrangement which through the Asia-Pacific Eco-mirrors the Apec forum. The nomic co-operation forum Asian powers are equally keen (Apec), established in 1993, for some kind of balancing while Europe has struggled to arrangement which makes them

Europe's role is declining. In focuses the mind on the pursuit 1970 25 per cent of Asian imwhat they view as interference in internal affairs, which comes in the form of pressure over human rights.

Sources in Bangkok who

have seen the draft keynote speech to be delivered by the conference chairman, the Thai Prime Minister, Banharn Slipa-Archa, an old-style wheeling and dealing politician, say that the speech focuses on trading. and business ties. It will also sug- to the Asian countries who gest that Europe and the Asian states work together to form a of nuclear weapons. French counterbalance to attempts by the US to sel the agenda for the first ministerial meeting of the but there are equal concerns World Trade Organisation in about the nuclear might of Chi-

of non-governmental organisa- of the nuclear threat. tions in Bangkok has urged the leaders of the 25 states attend-

made it clear that this is not on meeting.

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relevant issues should be avoided ... such issues would include. perhaps, the issue of [Indonesian occupied] East Timor, child labour and things like that".

The European heads of gov-ernment have shown no real enthusiasm for pursuing these matters, although some ritual references may be made. Western diplomats preparing for the meeting have let their Asian hosts know that they have not come to rock the boat.

However, one important non-trade matter is of interest want to see South-east Asia free brought this issue to the fore. A pre-conference meeting led by speaking in general terms

There will be no great breakthroughs al this two-day suming the summit not to ignore the 'mit; its purpose is to lay down human dimension of trade, sug-markers and generally create a gesting that human and labour better atmosphere for relarights cannot be considered as tions. These are modest but realisable objectives, given the

However, Mr Banharn has diversity of those attending the TELECOMMS TECHNOLOGY MARCHES APACE. BUT CAN THE REST OF US



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Lack of a male heir threatens oldest monarchy

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

Japan's Imperial Family is facmg a crisis. Two thousand seven hundred years after its foundation by the mythical Emperor Jimmu, the world's oldest hereditary monarchy is running out of male heirs.

The government has become so wornled that in has dispatched envoys to several European countries, including Britain, to study a revolutionary possibility: that the law may be changed to allow a woman to ascend the Chrysanthemum Throne.

Compared with their British counterparts, Japan's royals are models of decorum, thrift and restraint. Cloistered behind the moat and thick walls of the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, they emerge publicly only a few times a year to attend national athletic meetings, plant trees, and wave at their subjects from behind hullet-proof glass.

Japan's compliant media have no truck with tabloidstyle muck-raking, but the less reverent of the country's many weekly magazines have becoming increasingly preoccupied with the absence of

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imperial offspring. Rumours about a future empress appeared to have been decisively quashed earlier this year by the newly-appointed Grand Steward of the Imperial Household Agency, Sadame Kamakura, "We are not thinking about the question of an empress," he said. "Our current system clearly specifies male succession to the throne, and it rowly escaped being tried as a is working adequately."

ment organisation which con-trols every aspect of the Imperial Family, has been dis-

for several years. The problem has become increasingly worrisome with the continued failure of Emperor Akihito's children

to produce sons. Since their wedding in June 1993, Crown Prince Naruhito and Princess Masako have had no children. Next in line is the Emperor's younger son, 30-year old Prince Akishino, and both his children are girls. After him the succession would fall to a line of obscure and ageing uncles and cousins.

Since Prince Akishino, no male child has been born to any member of the Imperial

Court officials have gathered written materials from Buckingham Palace and, in nine days' time, a senior official of the Imperial Household Agency will fly to Europe on a hastily arranged visit to the Netherlands, Belgium and Denmark In Copenhagen, they will be briefed by court officials on the constitutional referendnm in 1953 which allowed Queen Margrethe II to succeed after 600 years of Danish kings.

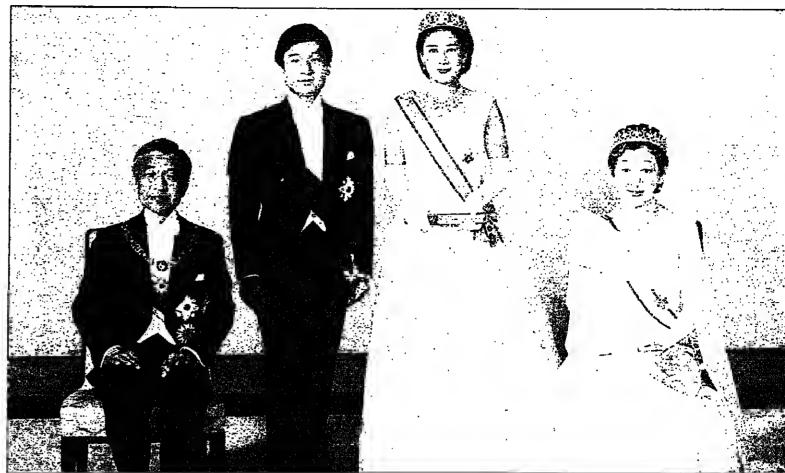
Any change would be complicated and controversial, reamendment to the Imperial Household Law and Constitution, which strictly regulate the duties, conduct and spending of the Emperor's family.

To a large extent, their low profile is a matter of cautious necessity. After the Second World War, Emperor Akihito's father, the late Hirohito, nar-But privately the agency, an Imperial institution arouses obsessively cautious govern- strong emotions in both na-

pends very much on whether the Japanese people are ready to accept her or not," said an official of the Household Agency. Women played a prominent

part in Japan's early history. The founding deity, from whom the present Emperor claims descent, was the Sun Goddess, Amaterasu-no-Omikami.

The last Empress, Go-Sakuramachi, abdicated in 1770, and altogether seven out of Japan's 124 sovereigns have been women, although, like princesses throughout history, the focus of scandals. In the eighth century, the Empress Shoken precipitated an alarming power struggle after an affair with a Rasputin-like monk.



Duty calls: Crown Prince Naruhito and Princess Masako, so far childless, with the Emperor and Empress

Indonesian hostages met by Red Cross

JAN ROBERTS

Twelve hostages, including 4. British citizens, held for 51 days in the mountainous jungles of Irian Jaya in Indonesia had their first meeting with outsiders. yesterday.

They met with a team of _

According to a spokesman, the International Committee of the Red Cross will be speaking to parents of all the hostages today. The Red Cross team was given letters for the parents and some photographs of the hostages. The four British hostages are Annette van der Kolk, Ann McIvor, Daniel Stark and William Oates.

condition, although some of them have lost weight because of the gruelling time in captivity," said Jorg Stocklin, an ICRC spokesman in Geneva. None was in critical condition, including pregnant Dutchwoman Martha Klein, 32, he said. She had been reported to have been suffering from malar-

ia and malnutrition. "We cannot divulge the details of the health condition of the hostages because we will in-form their families individual-tract with the government, it described the meeting with the hostages as an emotional one, "since it was the first time they

met anybody from outside". blankets, food and medicine provided by the Indonesian there and Freeport therefore government and the embassies has become in many ways both of Britain and the Netherlands. company and government."

The Red Cross went to Irian Jaya, following requests by the 8 January at a meeting in Maprebels and approval by the Indonesian armed forces, to mediate in the hostages' release.

Insurgents of the Free Papua Movement have been fighting saw the national park as a way for the independence of Irian Jaya, a former Dutch colony cetted to Indonesia in 1963.

It is understood that the OPM, the freedom movement for West Papua, is insisting it will only consider the release of the hostages to an international agency because it disputes In-

donesian paristiction.

Irian Java is home to 250 tribes making up some one million inhabitants. They live in jungle long-houses, in tree-top buildings and in homes built on stilts along the coast.

been in the mountain town of Wamena for two weeks while they carefully negotiated with the army for free access to the hostages. They were afraid military operations might have been launched at the same time in the area.

When the Catholic bishop,

three from the International Monsignor H F Munninghoff Red Cross, and a doctor gave all four hostages a medical kidnappers, Keliy Kwalik, the army followed a day later with icine, but was not seriously ill. an undercover team. This time, the army has promised not to take advantage of the visit.

The hostages are reported to be weak due to constant movement from one village to an-

Latest reports say that they are living in a mountain cave not far from the massive RTZ Freeport gold mine where Rio Tinto Zinc is now investing "In general they are in good s1.7bn in further expansion.

The operation of this mine is

a key issue with the kidnappers. In 1977, Kwalik led an attack on the mine, blowing up a pipeline a counter-offensive by the Indonesian army, several thousands tribespeople were reported killed. The mine is the biggest

British investment in South-East Asia. It is the world's higgest gold mine and the third-biggest Mr Stocklin said. He provides living and transport facilities for the Indonesian Army.

According to Tim Wirth, the US Under-Secretary of State for-Global Affairs: "The Indonesian He said they were taken government have not done much to establish a government

> The hostages were seized on nduma, a village in the mountains, to discuss the creation of a major national park. Some tribespeople at the meeting of securing income but others saw it as an alienation of their

Daniel Kogowa, a leader of the OPM, strongly objected. That afternoon, the 26 hostages were taken. Since then, 14 hostages have been released. The British hostages were on a scientific expedition to the area paid for by BP, and were all from Cambridge University.

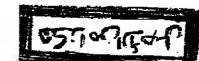
The British and Dutch military attachés are in Wamena and will be briefed by the Red Cross today on the meeting with

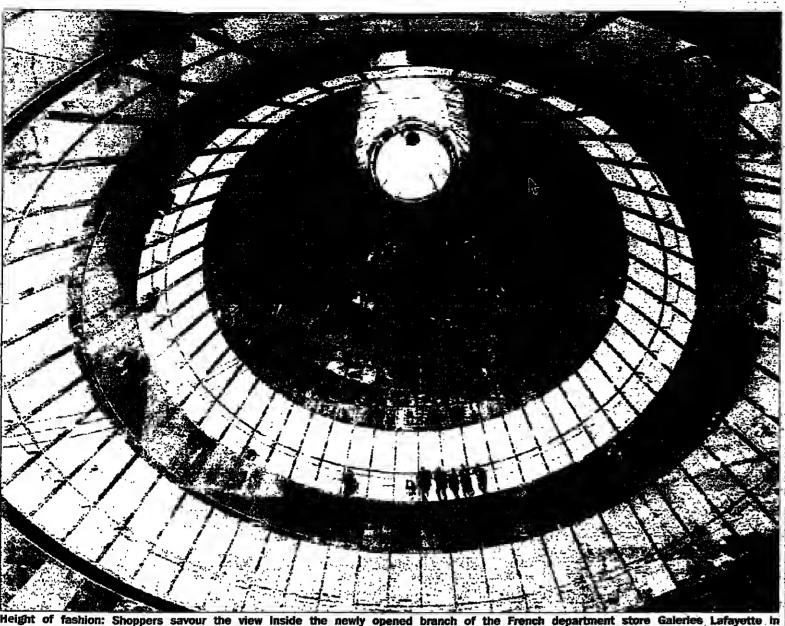
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Forged letters jolt Keating on election eve

ROBERT MILLIKEN Sydney .

As the time approaches for Australians to go to the polls, a scandal involving forged let-ters has sent shockwaves through the ruling Labor Par-ty and dealt a blow to its re-election prospects.

A campaign which had al-ready shown signs of exhaustion before tomorrow's poll was sensationally re-ignized when deral police were called in yes terday to investigate the source of two letters with which Labor had tried to deal a final knockout blow to the opposition Liberal-National coalition, but which were quickly shown to be

Late on Wednesday, Ralph. Willis, the Treasurer (finance minister) in Paul Keating's gov ernment called a press conference where he triumphantly brandished copies of two letters which he said had arrived at his office in a brown paper envelope. Both purported to have been sent to John Howard, the opposition leader, one from Peter Costello, Mr Howard's deputy, the other from Jeff

Kennett, the Liberal state premier of Victoria.

Stamped "Protected", the purported Kennett letter re-ferred to a plan by Mr Howard if he won the election to slash to help to pay for his campaign promises. "This would involve" a reduction of around \$500m [£250m] in Commonwealth [federal] funding for Victoria,"

Mr Howard and Mr Kennett-denounced the letters as forg-eries. Mr Willis, one of Labor's mally renowned for his caution, was forced into making a humiliating retraction and apology. It transpired that he had not cleared his decision to use the letters with Mr Keating, who was campaigning in north. Queensland at the time and who privately fumed when he earned of the hoax.

The "letters affair" has the ilmark of an American-style dirty tricks campaign of the sort which has rarely intruded into the Australian political scene, where open verbal abuse is

The questions outstanding ast night were: Who forged the letters? Who planted them on the senior Labor government minister who then released them? How much has the affair. them? How much has the anal.
damaged the bid by Paul Keating, the Prime Minister, to win
a sixth mandate for Labor.

Mr Kennett is a tough, uncompromising leader whom-Margaret Thatcher has praised for his severe public spending cuts in Victoria. Mr Howard and the federal Liberals fear that Mr Kennett's unpopularity in Vic-toria may rebound against them in tomorrow's election and cost

Mr Kennett dramatically exploited the letters affair who he claimed that the letters had he was prepared to give the name to the police. When he returned to Can-

berra yesterday to make his final pre-election appearance at the National Press Club, Mr Keating dismissed such a claim as "tawdry" and "stretching credibility too far". He said: "Whowith the Labor Party's interests at heart." Mr Willis, he said, had class Treasurer and would be reappointed should Labor win. The letters affair has over

shadowed all other issues in the run-up to the election, includures which showed a drop in Australia's current account deficit last month thanks to ex-ports increasing.

Since most economists had predicted a rise in the deficit, the figure boosted Mr Keatin Labor has closed the opposition's lead in opinion polls to 3 points from 10 at the start of the campaign, the gap still-suggests that the party's 10-seat parliamentary majority is in

Mr Keating used his pr club appearance to appeal for a fresh mandate for what he de scribed as the new Australia that Labor had built over the past 13. years, based on "flair, imagi-nation and drive". To dump La bor for the coalition, he argued, would be to return to an "in

Banderas moves left to star in meaty role

No one would call Antonio Banderas a ham actor. Still, the film star has been accused by the centre right Popular Par-ty in Spain of making a film clip supporting the governing So-cialists in exchange for a contract to promote Andalusian ham and olive oil in the United States.

In the clip, made for screening at local electoral meetings ahead of the general election on Sunday, Banderss asks voters to re-elect the Socialists, who are expected to lose power after 13

But Manuel Chaves, the Socialist candidate in the Andalusia region, where Banderas was born, said the only payment the actor had requested was a bottle of olive oil and a leg of is celebrated. Banderas has been busy filming Evita in Buenos Aires with Madonna. The two recently met President em reportedly told Mr Chirac Carlos Menem of Argentina, during a 1992 visit. one of the most outspoken crit-

m. "Certain assurances were made by the cast that therewould be no offensive scenes." a presidential spokesman said. Many Peronists fear Madonna might cheapen the name of their heroine.

Eva Peron in the Alan Parker

As President of the United
Astates, Bill Clinton has a
chauffeur or two, so he doesn't
get to drive much any more.
That has not stopped him passing on his street smarts to his
daughter, Chelsea, however.
On recent trips to the presidential retreat at Camp David,
in the hills of Marviard. Mr. in the hills of Maryland, Mr Clinton has been teaching her to drive:

Cheisea turned 16 on Tuesday, and when she passes her minial on a third track, that of driving test she might take her socialist democracy."

Another of Ceausescu's court idential fleet. Two telephoned poets, the ultra-nationalist Coroffers of cars from publicity—neliu Vadim Tudor, is running hungry radio stations were declined by the White House, while a blue 1978 Oldsmobile that pulled up at 1600 Pennsylvanis Avenue was also turned away. With "Happy Sweet 16, Cheisea" emblazoned on it, the rust-bucket had been dispatched to the birthday girl by . In his work, Mr Paunescu station in Ohio.
While Mr Clinton admits to

being uncomfortable about his Genins of the Carpathians". daughter taking the wheel of a



Antonio Banderas: Voicing support for socialist party

the First Lady, says she has another fear: the President's

It wasn't his birthday, but triguing gift from Carlos Menem on the eve of the Argentine leader's state visit to France: a pair of tango-dancing horses. The Criollo thoroughbreds

pata negra, the most prized of go with a set of silver spurs Mr. the raw hams for which Spain Menem gave Mr Chirac in his days as mayor of Paris. "When you become President you can have a horse as well," Mr Men-

Juan Archibaldo Lanus, the ics of Ms Ciccone's portrayal of Argentine ambassador, presented the horses to Mr Chirac at the annual French farm show.

"Is it true they dance the tan-go? Mr Menem told me that," Mr Chirac asked the vet who flew from Argentina with the animals. Yes, he was assured. The horses were said to have tangoed at an agricultural show before leaving Buenos Aires.

A former court poet of Nico-lae Ceausescu, who climbed up the fence of the US embassy in Bucharest to escape an angry crowd after the dicta-tor was deposed in 1989, is run-ning for president of his country. I want to change despair into hope," Adrian Paunescu, the candidate of the Socialist Labour Party, told state radio. "Til try and put [Ro-

mania party. The poets are among six candidates who have so far announced challenges to President Ion Iliescu in autumn elections, but neither of them is believed to stand a realistic chance of winning.

portrayed Ceausescu as "the Danube of Thinking" and "the

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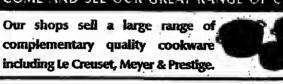
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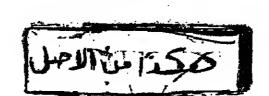
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TV chiefs agree to curb sex and violence

DAVID USBORNE New York

After years of resistance, the American television industry pledged yesterday to develop a ratings system for the violent and sexual content of programmes that will work in conjunction with computer chips fitted to television sets. The announcement came as

some 30 of the industry's top

executives, including Rupert is also a responsible society." Mr Murdoch and Ted Turner of Clinton said. CNN, arrived in Washington on a chartered bus for meetings with members of the US Congress and a "television summit" with President Bill Clinton and

the First Lady, Hillary Clinton. 'Arguably you are the most powerful cultural force in the world, but we know too that freedom and opportunity can truly thrive in a free society that

In a joint statement, the

industry's leaders said that details of the rating system would be worked out over the coming months and it would be introduced by the beginning of 1997. Programmes will be rat-

ed much in the way that the feature films are for the cinema. The industry has been forced to act after a sweeping telecom-

munications bill was passed by the US Congress last month. The hill served notice to television executives that unless they moved swiftly to adopt a voluntary system of ratings, it

would be forced on them. The bill also included provisions obliging manufacturers to install so-called "V-chips" violence chips - in all new television sets sold in the US. A television with the "V-chip"

grammes rated for sexual or violent content. Information on how each individual programme is rated will be included in the broadcaster's signal.

*Our objective is clear and firm," the industry statement said. This enterprise is totally voluntary. There will be no government involvement." Only a few months ago the television community had been vigorous-

Agreeing on categories of ratings and their application is certain to be difficult. Broadcasters will be wary, for example, of imposing the same criteria for violent content on dramas, such as the hospital

series ER, as for children's programmes like Power Rangers. Nor is there any consensus on whether news magazines and soap operas should be affected.

will allow parents to block pro- ly opposing any kind of ratings. News bulletins, even though many include graphic footage would probably escape.

Civil liberty groups fear the introduction of ratings could add up to censorship and the crosion of free-expression rights under the US constitution's First Amendment. But Al Gore, the Vice-President said yesterday that the plan raised no First Amendment questions whatsoever".

Final straw for German spy chief

Bonn - The head of Germany's foreign intelligence service resigned yesterday after his spies were embroiled in scandals over selling secrets for cash and a sting operation to catch plutonium smugglers.

The final straw for Konrad Porzner was the government's refusal to remove or retire two senior intelligence officials whose subordinates were believed to be involved in an em-

bezzlemeni scandal. The head of the Federal Intelligence Service (BND) had won a reputation as a stickler for the rules who failed to keep close tabs on his staff or to keep the BND out of the firing line, particularly in the plutonium

smuggling affair.

Mr Porzner, 61. issued : terse statement saying the head of Helmut Kohl's chancellery, Friedrich Bohl, had refused his request to move or retire the two officials. "I have therefore asked that I should be placed in early retirement," he said.

As a career civil servant, this was in effect the only way he could resign. A government spokesman confirmed the

request had been granted. An informed source said BND staff were being investigated for embezzling more than 1m marks (£450,000) intended to buy the services of Russian officers leaving former East Germany. The men were also believed to have sold information on the Russian military to a British secret agent - prompting Porzner to travel to London to express his annovance.

Mr Porzner, a long-time member of parliament for the opposition Social Democrats, came under fire recently for refusing to let the BND investigale the mysterious disappearance of millions of marks stashed abroad by East Germany's ruling Communist Party, and now owed to the German state. He had already heen undermined by accusations that the BND virtually lured smugglers into bringing lethal plutonium into the country on a passenger flight from Moscow in August 1994 in the hope of selling it.

At peace with God and Mammon in the new South

RUPERT CORNWELL Greenville, South Carolina

In this thriving corner of the Bible Belt, which tomorrow has its say in the US presidential primaries, there are two of Ronald Reagan's shining cities on a hill. One is very much the work of God, the other fruit of a decision taken a few years ago in southern Germany. And in the civil war raging within the Republican party, where both sides claim the Reagan legacy for themselves, they are fortresses of opposing armies.

Venture among its immacu-late assembly halls, dormitory hlocks and along its shaded avenues, with not a scrap of litter in sight and not a leaf out of place, and you instantly realise that Bob Jones University, the pride of Greenville, is a most unusual place of learning. In fact it is the largest fundamentalist Christian college in America, founded in 1927 by a man who believed secular education was ruining the country's youth, and now home to 5,000 students who lead a life symbolised by the inscription over the campus

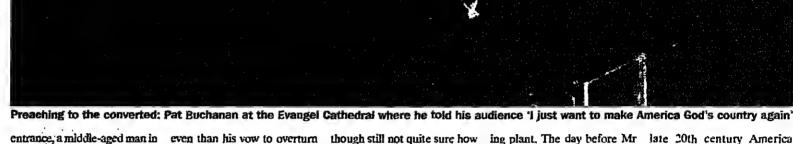
shop: Edifying and equipping the saints to go forth. In its hushed interior there is (3 nothing more secular on sale than chocolate bars and Kodak film, alongside shelves brimming with uplifting spiritual



fering yet greater edification, is the university's remarkable mu-seum, where soft music plays, the pile carpet is one inch thick, and the walls are studded with religious paintings by, among others, Cranach, Titian, Botticelli and Veronese. Not quite what you expect in the provinces of South Carolina, but

proof that God has rich patrons. More to the point, this is the world of Pat Buchanan. The boys have short hair and perfect manners. The girls, in the required dress of flat shoes and skirts below the knee, are frozen images from the 1950s.

Mr Buchanan's vision of America is essentially a vision of the 1950s; a nostalgic world where America was God's country, where crime scarcely existed, where women stayed at home and looked after the children, when the US accounted for 60 per cent of the world's economic output, and when foreigners knew their place - a world where everything was perfect and nothing quite real. Outside the 10ft walls surrounding the university, the mirage persists. In an eatery across from the campus



a jeans jacket and a haseball cap

pores over a worn volume of The Teaching of Christ, as he consumes a chicken salad. Later that evening, Mr Buchanan speaks at the Evangel fundamentalist Cathedral just outside Spartanburg, a few miles away. AI want to make America God's country again, proclaims the commentatorturned-candidate, as the audience of several hundred stand

even than his yow to overturn Roe v Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court ruling guaranteeing a woman's right to an abortion.

The cathedral is spanking new, more like an plush concert hall than a house of God, surrounded by huge parking lots for the faithful. It bespeaks the wealth of a region which epit-omises the vibrant "new South." But for the true believers, entrepreneurial flair, imaginative state governors and the rest have little to do with it. "We're and cheer It is his best received, have little to do with it. "We're line of the night, better than the prosperous because God wills tirades against foreigners the it says a young woman as she exteriations of the raging hear." Jeaves, clutching a Bible and then of Washington Decement Teaning towards Buchanan,

though still not quite sure how

she will vote tomorrow. But in nearby Greer, shines the other city, which Pat Buchanan the protectionist does not visit - a creation not of the Almighty but of German capitalism. BMW's factory, the Munich car manufacturer's first in the Western hemisphere and as squeaky clean as the Bob Jones campus, is the shrine where his rival "mainstream" candidates make obeisance. On Wednesday Bob Dole, yesterday Lamar Alexander. "This is proof of how a free trade system creates lobs," insisted Mr Dole as he toured the glisten-

ing plant. The day before Mr Dole turned up, the company announced a \$200m expansion at Greer, creating at least 500 new jobs by 1998, and bringing

its total investment to \$800m. In fact, the two worlds of upstate South Carolina not only coexist, but overlap. Students at Boh Jones do venture into Satan's modern world, where their ingrained Christian virtues make them much prized by For their part, the workers at

BMW do go to church, and are doubtless no less concerned than Mr Buchanan by crime. abortion and the other ills of

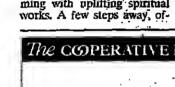
late 20th century America.

And in that paradox surely lies the key for the Republicans in this strange election year. For what it is worth, a new poll yesterday showed Mr Dole, heavily promoted as usual by the great and good of the local party, leading Mr Buchanan in the state by 35 to 24 per cent. Mr Alexander trails with 13 per cent, closely followed by Steve Forbes. But whatever the fluctuations of the race, one thing is certain. The man who can carry Boh Jones and BMW

wins - not just South Carolina.

but the nomination, and maybe

the White House too.



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Siege of Sarajevo declared at an end

Europe Editor

The Muslim-led Bosnian govemment declared the Seri-siege of Sarajevo to be officially at an end vesterday after taking control of the suburb of Ilijos and a vital road connecting the capital to the rest of Bosnia, "The siege of Sarajevo is now offi-cially over," said the Bosnian In-terior Minister, Avdo Hebib, after he and other government officials arms ed in Hijes in a convoy of built-proof cars, police vehicles and fire engines.

The Bosnian government reclaimed control of Ilijas four years to the day after Bosnian Muslims and Croats voted in a referendum to declare independence from former Yu-

Most Bosnian Serbs, who made up about one-third of Econic's pre-war population. hove fied the referendum, and full-scale conflict broke out in early April 1902.

Illias is one of five Serb-conirolled suburbs of Sarajevo that the Dayton peace agreement stipulated should return to Muslim-Croat authority. As in the case of Vogosca, the first suburb to pass under Muslim-Crout control last week, most Serb residents of !!ijas had fled their homes in the days preceding the handover. Out of 17,000 people who

lived in Hijes at the end of the war, only about Latherwere still there at the beginning of this week according to United Nations officials. The evacuation of Serbs con-

tinued up to the last minute. with seven buses taking women and elderly people out of Hijas on Wednesday attention for the northern Bosnian Serb city of

Banja Luta.
Tens of thousands of Serbs have left the five suburbs ahead of the handover of power, which is due to be completed by 20 March, Many have abandoned their homes under pressure from Bosnian Serbauthorities. who have whipped up fears of Muslim persecution and made normal life all but impossible by



Spoils of division: A Hungarian soldier passes the remains of the Sava bridge, 90 miles east of Zagreb, one of 300 destroyed in Bosnia and Croatia in the war

stripping the suburbs of their

intrastructure, UN police said that some Serb residents had set ablaze an apartment block and several houses and cars in the 24 hours before the transfer of power in llijas. Most houses and blocks of flats were empty.

The departure of the Serbs

has struck a severe blow at international efforts to reconstitute Sarajevo as the multinational capital of a united

Bosnia. The aim of the Bosnian Serb authorities appears to be the permanent physical sepa-ration of Serbs from Muslims and Croats, a goal they did not fully achieve during the war.

The minority of Serbs who remain loyal to the Bosnian government and believe in a multi-national Bosnia have been shocked by the factics of the Bosnian Serb leaders based in Pale, outside Sarajevo, in a letter to the US Secretary of

State, Warren Christopher, the pro-government Serb Civic Council said: "Under pressure from the Pale authorities, Serbs are being pushed into an exodus of the worst kind.

"They are being torced to abandon and burn their own houses and homes and to go into the unknown ... Unfortunately, the international community, as in the case of Stebrenica, is quietly watching this tragedy and the final stages

of the ethnic division of Bosniu-Herzegovina."

Some international observers have blamed Muslim authorities for stoking the fears of Serb enilians. Michael Steiner, an assistant to Carl Bildt, the top European Union representative in Bosnia, said Muslim policemen who entered Vogosca last week had form down the Serb dag and trampled on it in the

snow.
"This is exactly what hap-

pened - hefore the eyes of the Serb population, before Serh cameras. You can imagine what a disastrous effect this has on those who are still thinking

The US ambassador to Bosnia, John Menzies, visited Il-ijas to watch the transfer of power and expressed the hope homes would gradually trickle ment control throughout the hack. "Damage in the town war.

looks relatively limited. The city of Sarajevo is knitting itself back together again." he said, Control of Ilijas was crucial to the Bosnian Serbs' wartime about staying in the town," he

strategy of maintaining a stranglehold on Sarajevo. It prevented the Muslim-led forces from capturing the main road north out of Sarajevo and linking the capital with Visoko. that Serbs who had left their a town that was under govern-

Rwanda denies revenge massacres

Paris - Rwanda vesterday denied a report in the French newspaper Liberation that its ruling Tutsi minority, victims of genocide in 1994, had turned the tables and killed over t00,000 of their Hutu opponents in a wave of revenge massacres.

The national unity government has never had a policy of systematic extermination of any part of the Rwandan people, as was the case for the previous regime," said the Information Minister, Jean-Pierre Bizimana. in a statement distributed in Paris. "No investigation has ever confirmed the gratuitous accusations of massacres. whether in the form of exterminations or systematic vengeance." Return

Cuba protest

Havana - Cuba said that the United States had the means to. and should, stop a planned new foray of boats and planes by exiles near Cuba this weekend, adding that Cuba would use all means necessary to counter fresh violations of its

Prison riots spread

Athens - Rioting in Greek prisons spread from the western city of Patras to a maximum security jail on the island of Corfuwhere prisoners set buildings on fire and took nine guards

Qatar plea to Paris

Dubai - Qatar has rejected an Iranian offer to send 30000 soldiers to help protect its security following an alleged plot and has turned to France instead. the London-based al-Havat newspaper said, quoting a senior Qutari official. Qutar said last week that two weeks ago it had foiled a plot against the government and arrested around 100 suspects.

Curfew on workers

Beirut - Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri brought in the army to impose a nationwide curfew and foil workers' protests in a showdown with labour that intensified concerns about his democratic credentials. Remor

Killer's bullet

Merano - The same gun anparently fired the bullets that killed four people in what police believe may be the work of a serial killer, the Ansa news agency said. Police said the bullet that killed the latest victim, Paolo Vecchiolini, on Tuesday appeared to have been fired from the gun involved in the other deaths.

Hands off

Canberra - The headteacher banned his pupils from holding hands, labelling it a sexual act. Mick Sheehan, head of Sorell District High School in Hobert in the island state of Tasmania. said the act of holding hands was inappropriate on school grounds, and threatened to suspend any student who defied the

Grey man with a streak of steel set for power in Spain



Aznar: Spanish John Major plays up his ordinariness

ELIZABETH NASH

Spaniards are getting used to the idea that the conservative Popular Party leader. Jose Maria Aznar, the man who addresses his shirt buttons when he speaks, is set to become their

next prime minister. elections closes today with the PP comfortably ahead. Mr Aznar, who once said. "I am alive because they have denigrated me", is being likened to John Major as an example of how greyness can rule OK.

With victory over the Socialist Prime Minister, Felipe Gongalez, in sight, commentators

tempt, to uncover hidden mer- alone. its in the uncharismatic figure who has made the PP a convincing contender for government. Most conclude that what you see is what you get: "a single-faceted, ordinary man" says the traditionally pro-Socialist

E! Fuis newspaper. Major gains force from context. Many, perhaps most. Spaniards - like Britons at the end of the Thatcher era - are weary of a long-serving glamorous leader who has filled the stage for more than 13 years and seduced them with promises. Many want not a crusader to chivry them on forced murches but a quiet

are muting their previous con- manager who will leave them Intentionally or not. Mr Az-

nur's advisors emphasise his lack of qualities. One points out "his extraordinary normality": another says, the is a very ordinary chap, sometimes excessively so". But the former tax inspector from a comfortable seclass family has shown his will on the party he took over in 1989. Potential challengers or dissidents have been unplugged. and there is talk of fear in the party's upper reaches.

He also showed metile when he walked calmly from his twisted heap of a car after a bomb attack by ETA Basque sepa-

ratists last April. Mr Aznar's assures his supporters, who popular standing soared, and he even jeked afterwards: "Now, it

seems. I have charisma." Mr Aznar, 43 last weekend. has run a slick campaign, avoiding territory where he risked being ambushed, that of a face-to-face confrontation with Mr Gonzalez, and revealing the inspect outline of what his steel. He has quietly imposed a PP government would do. He makes a virtue of his Delphie utterances: "I promise nothing." he says. "I have no commitment to any person, sector or social group. I have a completely free hand because I don't owe anybody anything." He has also exploited his deadpan personality.

roar their approval. He has bosened up in the

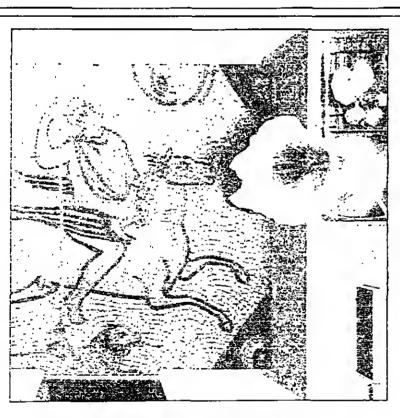
past weeks - perched on the edge of the platform dangling his legs and soaking up the adulation - hut not enough to dispel the impression that he at home with his wife, three children and two cocker spaniels.

Mr Aznar goes everywhere with his wife. Ana Botella, a bright, outgoing woman who has a popular following of her own. Her presence at every meeting breaks the mould of Spanish electioneering and prompts suggestions that they aspire to be an American-style presi-

last year before that of her husband, pooh-poohs the idea. The first lady of Spain, she observes, is Queen Sofia.

Ms Botella embodies the traditional, pre-feminist woman for whom family is everything would rather be in his office, or and whose life is fulfilled in the shadow of a powerful husband. She buys his clothes, doles out his pocket money. The couple reflect the kind of Spaniard Mr Aznar seeks to attract; modern

educated but undaring. They are - to use one of Mr Aznar's favourites words - "correct": Mr and Mrs Normal. "Spain," he says, "needs a spot



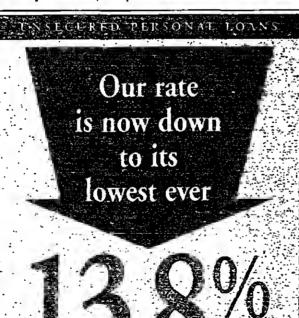
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Does the BP merger with Mobil herald a long overdue retail revolution for the dull old petrol station? Nigel Cope reports

We'll fight them on the forecourts

A brief

Consider how much has changed in the past 20 years. Mrs Thatcher has come and gone. Whole sections of British industry have been privatised. The First Division of the Football League has become the Premiership. Punk has come and gone and come again. The Monarchy has started to fall apart beneath the weight of its own failed relationships. And yet some things have remained remarkably the same, seemingly untouched by the march of progress - such as the traditional, drafty, oily, petrol station forecourt.

Awanda denies

The forecourt formula has not changed much in those 20 years. Not quite a building, but not an open space, these structures are among the most ubiquitous and ugly in our culture. They are all roughly the same size. Their basic organisation a few pumps, somewhere to pay with a few sweets, car products, drinks and cigarettes

Unmanned stations have failed because three-quarters of customers like to pay cash

- is largely unaltered from the mid-Seventies. While retailing elsewhere has nndergone a revolution - the arrival of US fast food chains, the rise of outof-town shopping centres - the petrol station has been untouched

But change may be in the wind. Yesterday's announcement that BP and Mobil are to merge their European petrol retailing businesses is probably the first stage in a long-awaited shake-up in an over-supplied and in some ways still old-fashioned industry.

The Mobil name will disappear from Britain but it is unlikely to be the last to go. Petrol retailers are under such pressure, both from the supermarket operators grabbing market share and from each other, that more mergers, takeovers and even perhaps bankruptcies are inevitable. In a few years both the number of petrol stations and the way they operate could be very different.

Having moved from the greasy, overall-wearing petrol pump attendant in the 1950s and 1960s to the self-service operation with shops in the 1980s, the market is set for the next stage in its evolution.

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The number of petrol sta-tions is already falling fast. There were 17,000 at the beginning of 1995. Forecasts suggest there could be just 10,000 by

The shake-out began in earnest last year when Frost Group, which trades under the Save name, took over Burmah's petrol stations. Elf's stations are up for sale and several other operators could soon decide to quit.

Paul Sykes, head of the Inde-pendent Petrol Retailers Association, says: "This is the first of many such deals we are going to see. Other oil companies will pull out of the UK – certainly by the summer. They are losing money selling petrol." Those under pressure include Repsol. Os. Murro, Gulf and Fina. Q8, Murco, Gulf and Fina.

The main problem is oversupply. There are just too many brand names and too many stations chasing too few cars. The supermarkets have played a major part in the shake-out. From a standing start five years ago the hig four supermarket chains now have almost 25 per cent of the UK market. Their higher sales volumes have enabled them to cut prices forcing BP, Shell and Esso to follow suit, which has narrowed their profit margins. When Esso launched its PriceWatch campaign in January, pledging to match the lowest prices within a three-mile radius, the game plan was clear - it wanted to grab share back from Sainsbury and Tesco.

But competitioo need not necessarily he on price alone, To date, petrol stations have done little to differentiate themselves from each other by the quality of service they provide. Petrol stations seem terrihly alike: similar prices, almost identical stations and the same tired promotions offering free wine glasses in return for a handful of tokens.

markets into the competition is forcing others to change tack. There are two main routes the petrol stations can take to respond to the competition. They can either become more streamlined, to cut costs and

prices. Or they might seek to

differentiate themselves by

The entrance of the super-

offering a distinctive service. One obvious cost-cutting route is to introduce unmanned stations. Both Shell and Q8 are testing unmarined stations where customers pay by credit card. Unmarined petrol stations have proved hugely populations have proved hugely populations. ular in Scandinavia. They are the norm in Italy for sales after dusk. Previous UK trials have tomer safety. Ron Frost, chief executive of the Frost Group, is sceptical. He says unmanned outlets have been "a monumental failure" in the past because they rely on credit card payments while three quarters

The other route is to bring back the pump attendant. It is easy to imagine what Mac-Donalds would do with petrol



stations. There would be staff in neatly pressed uniforms with baseball hats offering a sharp of all customers still pay for line in patter and a winning their petrol by cash. style petrol stations, with loud music, bright colours and lots of young people serving you. One of the reasons for the

is that it is largely in the hands of oil companies who are bet-ter at finding, drilling, produc-ing and refining the stuff than they are at selling it in an attractive and friendly way.

There are lessons to he learned from other countries.

shortcomings of petrol retailing In the US some operate a drive-thru system where a pad on the pump can take orders for a Big Mac, large fries and Coke. The driver then coasts towards the service point where they pay for their petrol and pick up their burger. Some

UK companies such as Texaco

have started opening drive-

thru restaurants However, the UK market is sceptical about these innovations. Shell says the Japanese like more service because the car is seen as more of a status symbol. Drivers in this country might not like attendants hanging the pump nozzle against the ers. Small local petrol stations

So it seems that perhaps very little will change, despite the ferocity of the competition. Petrol stations will continue to be drafty, oily, charmless places. Indeed the price war will drive out some of the weakest play-

it abroad Rome

How they do

Italians love cars almost as much as their mothers. A good filling station will give you not just petro: but the automotive ecuwalent of a manicure. But after dark, when the only open garages are unmanned, you usually have to battle with unreliable automatic

France

Over the past 25 years more than half of France's service stations have gone out of business, victims often of aggressive oncing policies by hypermarkets. which use low prices to attract customers. Almost half the country's petroi is now sold at such outlets, usually self-service. A big oil company recently introduced service with a smile including cleaning windscreens - to help create jobs - but it seems unlikely to catch on.

Hong Kong

Self-service has yet to reach petrol station forecourts in Hong Kong, but so has price competition. Every petrol station in the colony charges the same prices for all petrol products. So petrol stations attempt to lure customers with gifts such as ussues, bottled mineral water and other soft drinks. Very few petrol vices such as windscreen cleaning, but as there are always a number of attendants on hand they will check oil, water and

The Fiftles were the best time, in the words of the Esso commercial, to "put a tiger in your tank". Every gas station checked your oil and water, washed your windshield and filled your tank while you sat back and rested. Today you can still get so-called full service but your petrol can cost as much as 50 per cent more than for self-service.

Driving into a Tokyo service station is like being guided in to land a jumbo jet, with a small team of willing attendants on hand to help you. While you sit In a room with a television, they will fill your tank, clean your windows and check oil and water levels as well as tyre pressure before assembling to wave you off the forecourt.

- the last bastions of the personal touch - will be the main casualties. In Scotland things have already got so bad that a development agency has awarded a £50,000 grant to help a Highlands petrol station

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Stage set for a **Bottomley farce**

Bad news for the MP for Surrey South West. The constituency's treasured Redgrave Theatre has just received grievous news from the funders at South East Arts - no funds are available to reopen the theatre.

This has led to much gnashing of teeth in Farnham, and had-mouthing of. the South East Arts bods and their ultimate masters at the Department of National Heritage - ruled, it has to be said, by the MP for Surrey South West,

one Virginia Bottomley.

This is hugely embarrassing for Mrs
Bottomley, who has supported the campaign to reopen the Redgrave, which



closed after 20 years, in January last year. She had also praised Waverley Council's Herculean fundraising efforts. "I rang Mrs Bottomley a week ago, when I got the first whiff that the SEA

might be withdrawing their assurances of support after a year of watching us sweat to raise funds at a time when our hudget was cut by over £1m," says Anna Thomson, the council's leader. "Mrs Bottomley was appalled and said: 'Of

course the theatre must be saved. "Obviously, now I will be going back to her to see what suggestions she has."

Flagship hits the rocks

Triumph has clearly gone to Panorama's head. The BBC is flagship documentary series, covered in glory last week at the TV awards for the Princess of Wales interview, was by Thesday busy wiping the egg off its face.

On Monday night, 5 million viewers sat down to watch Empress on the

Rocks. Instead, they were treated to n distinctly non-award-winning hiatus and then shown an old repeat. What "Oh, just a minor technical fault, that's all," is the breezy official BBC response. "A little problem with the soundtrack."

Er, that's not quite the whole story, according to my source. There was indeed a soundtrack problem, but staff had given themselves just an hour to edit it. Then the equipment didn't work. Then they couldn't find anyone to mend it. With panic reaching fever pitch, frantic minions dashed to put on a standby programme, only to discover that they couldn't find the tape. Cue muddle, music and red faces all round.

When they finally found something to stick on, it was a documentary called Salvaging Babies.

Salvaging oil tankers had been what viewers were really after. Doubtless there are a few BBC technicians now busy salvaging their jobs.

Break for young Major

It seems that the self-effacement of our Prime Minister knows no bounds. At a reception given yesterday by his former employer, Standard Chartered Bank in Bangkok, he was reintroduced to his former friend and colleague Lionel Mee. Mee was the man who carried the stretcher bearing the wounded Major on to the VC10 that was to take him out of Nigeria after his car accident in 1967.



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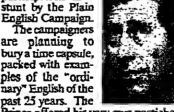
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said, "that the reason for my selection was that I was, in fact, expendable."

Prince of hyperbole The Prince of Wales has been focusing

on the problems of had communication recently. No, this is nothing to do with his divorce from the nation's leading spin doctor, but his

participation in a stunt by the Plain English Campaign. The campaigners are planning to bury a time capsule, packed with examples of the "ordinary" English of the



Prince offered his very own pastiche of hyperbole. It goes: "It was when I was still a juvenile future constitutional figurchead substitute that I first became sensitised by mother-tongue abuse awareness.

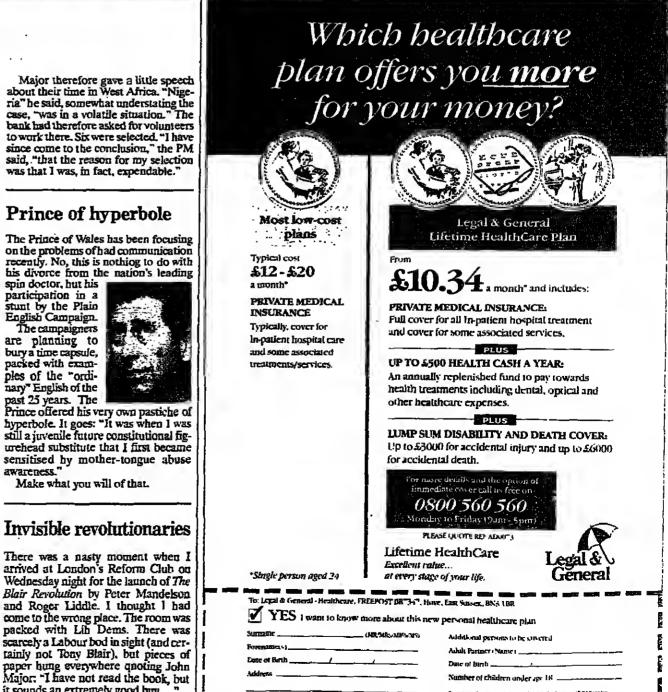
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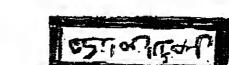
Invisible revolutionaries

There was a nasty moment when I arrived at London's Reform Club on Wednesday night for the launch of The Blair Revolution by Peter Mandelson and Roger Liddle. I thought 1 had come to the wrong place. The room was packed with Lih Dems. There was scarcely a Labour bod in sight (and certainly not Tony Blair), but pieces of paper hung everywhere quoting John Major. I have not read the book, but it sounds an extremely good buy ...

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The hypocrites of the officer class

It is alarming how long it takes for this Government to learn a lesson. Its reputation may never fully recover from its cynical handling of the Scott report. Not a single minister has resigned or even admitted responsibility for the long list of failings detailed in the report, from systematically misleading Parliament to serious professional misjudgements. But, as we reveal today, it gets worse,

Add to the charges of dereliction of duty, stupidity and arrogance, rank hypocrisy. Ministers have escaped blame for changing British policy on arms sales to Iraq without telling Parliament. But of course that does not stop them looking for a few civil servants to carry the can. In yet another demonstration of the culture of arrogance among those who rule us, the officers have decided that the troops in the ranks should be punished. The top brass, who directed the arms-to-Iraq policy, will not be in the firing line. Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, is in the clear. The man who told the Scott inquiry that ministers had a right to withhold information from Parliament, who masterminded the Government's distorted and deceitful presentation of the Scott report, will not he facing disciplinary action. His career will not be affected by revelations of how he, the chief mandarin. presided over a civil service that failed the public interest and hid what was going on in a confusion of half-truths. Sir Robin can look forward to his peerage for services

The officials whose careers may be blighted are more junior civil servants, those who perhaps drafted the misleading parliamentary answers, those who

the guidelines on arms sales, those who appeared to turn a blind eye to the type of equipment being supplied to Iraq.

Such behaviour should be reviewed. The Scott report paints a picture of an administrative machine that is a law unto itself, unchecked by Parliament and often beyond the grasp of ministers. The civil servants who make this machine work should be held to account. But, though hardly innocents, most of the junior officials who may have their hehaviour inquired into were just doing their jobs. countable power and by no means the most important part of it. To blame and punish them in isolation would he grossly

Rather than punishment, what is needed by the civil service, not to mention the people it is meant to serve, is a Freedom of Information Act, a statutory code of conduct enshrining civil servants' duty to blow the whistle on ministers whom they believe to be misleading Par-liament and an independent ombudsman in whom they can confide. None of this is on the Government's agenda. Instead, the minions have been targeted to take some of the hlame that ministers were not prepared to shoulder. It all amounts to extraordinary hypocrisy. But worse than that, it shows how damaging it has been for ministers to refuse to take responsi-bility for their actions. As a result of the appalling example they have set, it will now be more difficult legitimately to hold to account any part of the govern-ment machine, "Blame-free government," that is the modern Tory doctrine, unless you are unfortunate enough to be a mere

Spain's debt to Felipe Gonzalez

n era is drawing to a close in Spain. A After more than 13 years of Social-Felipe Gonzalcz, the Prime Minister, in Sunday's elections and replace him with José Maria Aznar and his conservative ity of Spain's post-Franco democratic institutions that this transfer of power, should it occur, will seem as normal an event as it would be in any other western European country. Democracy has taken root so firmly in Spain that the Franco era, which ended only 21 years ago, already seems a distant episode of history.

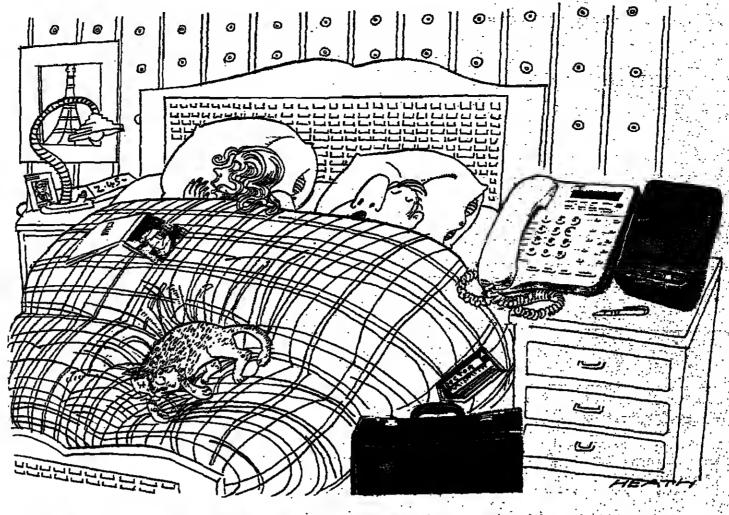
Mr Gonzalez deserves much of the credit for this. The firebrand political activist of the Sixties and early Seventies. elected leader of the then illegal Socialist Party at the age of 32, matured during his premiership into a thoughtful, pragmatic statesman. He took Spain into the European Union, maintained its membership of Nato, presided over an impressive modemisation of the economy and introduced overdue social reforms such as the legalisation of divorce. Above all, he made a vital contribution to his country's long-term political stability by demonstrating that the left could govern Spain without everything going to rack and ruin, inviting a backlash from the right. This was a great achievement in a country whose earlier history had heen punctuated by violent disputes between radical forces of the left and authoritarian forces of the right.

Yet the later years of the Gonzalez era have not been so happy. A string of finan-

most senior bankers and businessmen has tarnished the government's image. Worse ist rule, voters seem likely to throw out still has been the discovery that Spain's security forces waged a "dirty war" in the Eighties against separatist Basque guerrillas. It's unclear to what extent the government, and Mr Gonzalez personally, were directly involved, but the affair has cast a dark shadow over Spanish politics for more than a year.

On the economic front, too, the Socialists have lost their touch. Almost 23 per cent of the Spanish workforce is unemployed. Spain has the highest unemployment rate in the European Union. Among people aged 16 to 25, the rate is a shockmg 42 per cent. It is disturbing that even when the Spanish economy expands - and it enjoyed 3 per cent growth last year - it makes barely a dent in the ranks of the jobless. Given the scale of Spain's unemployment problem it's hardly surprising that more and more politicians are privately questioning the advisability of Spain's effort to join a single European currency in 1999. Other elements of the Gonzalez legacy are also under scrutiny, particularly the regulation of the economy.

Since losing their absolute majority in the election of June 1993, the Socialists have seemed tired, bereft of ideas and directionless. A spell in opposition might be the hest thing for them. Yet if Gonzalez is defeated on Sunday that should not blind us to the broader historical verdical that he has made perhaps the greatest contribution of any single politician is securing Spain as a modern Western



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- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

Medical negligence: suing for compensation, or just saying sorry?

From Mr Gerald Malone Sir: Polly Toynbee is right to highlight the risk of clinical negligence claims swallowing increas-ing amounts of NHS cash better spent on patient care ("Legal leeches are hleeding the NHS", 28 Fehruary). But she missed a number of recent developments.

A scheme for trusts has been set up to help manage clinical negligence liabilities. It will smooth out the impact of hig claims - and huild an expertise in handling complex casework. We need NHS gamekeepers to keep the smart legal poachers Ms Toynbee fears firmly at bay. Pilot studies of mediation techniques as an alternative to court action

are also under way.

And a new complaints procedure, based on the Wilson committee report, comes into effect on 1 April - no longer the threemonth wait for the cursory reply from a faceless official. Now, chief executives will have to handle complaints personally, within tight deadlines.

Contracts crucial

to competitive gas

From Mr Peter Sanguinetti Sir: Lord Gillford (Letters, 27

February) is swift to attack British

Gas over "take or pay" contracts.

Ninety-eight per cent of con-

tracts were signed before the

Government decided to acceler-

ate the development of domestic

competition in December 1993.

Indeed, 55 per cent of these con-

tracts were actually signed before British Gas was privatised in

Furthermore, it was not until

we had seen our market share in

the commercial and industrial

market eroded by 65 per cent -

against an MMC target of 45 per

cent - that we were allowed to

compete on a fair and equal

These long-term contracts are London, SWI

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number. (Fax: 017t-293 2056; e-mail: letters@independent.co.uk)

Saying sorry quickly is the right way to convince patients that their views are being taken seri-ously and that the NHS is pre-pared to learn lessons when things do go wrong. Yours etc.

GERALD MALONE Minister for Health Department of Health From Mr Daniel Jaynes

Sir: I agree entirely with Polly Toynbee. We must try to stop the gravy train that views financial compensation as being the counter balance to feelings of being wronged - which is exemplified at its lowest level with the Citizens' Charter mentality that sets different levels of compensation for particular service failures.

There does remain a need to provide compensation for losses of income caused by accidents and illness. Such a system should not depend on the finding of fault and so remove the need for lawyers and litigation.

a legacy of the monopoly era

when British Gas, as the licensed

monopoly supplier, was legally

obliged to purchase gas to meet

the most demanding weather conditions. The potential liabili-

ties arising from these long-term

purchase contracts are the result

of restructuring the industry in

order to create a fully competi-tive market. British Gas has not

called for an MMC inquiry into

If the introduction of competi-

tion into the domestic gas indus-

try is to be a success, the issue of

the long-term monopoly contracts

must be addressed by the indus-

try as a whole. It would be iniqui-

tous for this burden to fall solely

on British Gas's shareholders.

Director of Corporate Affairs

Yours faithfully,

British Gas

PETER SANGUINETTI

Encouraging personal insurance is one solution; perhaps the of damages could be better spent nation (and compensation in no-fault compensation) no-fault compensation scheme similar to the Criminal Injuries. Compensation Scheme.

DAN JAYNES Newcastle upon Tyne

From Mr Phillip Sycamore Sir. There is a serious debate to be had about the growth in claims of negligence against all professionals, but it is nonsense to claim that the Law Society takes the view that there should be more, not less, litigation. We have a long record of supporting atternative methods of resolving disputes.

In particular, there is a clear need for less litigious ways of solving disputes about medical accidents. The Society has put that view forward to Lord. Woolf's review of civil justice, claims. This public information - Swanscombe, Kent -

Sir: In reply to Stephen Vines's article (28 February) on the "Vic-

tims of cold" weather in Hong

Kong: the sick and the elderly are

more vulnerable to sudden

changes in temperature. How-

ever, the number of deaths we

experienced in Hong Kong over the Chinese New Year holidays

was in line with the average for

this time of year. The Director of

Health has confirmed that none

of the post-mortems conducted

has shown hypothermia to be a

Hong Kong has 1,100 people

who sleep on the streets. All have

been offered alternative accom-

modation by my department.

During last week's cold spell, one

street sleeper died. He was a

drug abuser who had chosen to

move out of his family home.

cause of death.

From Mr Ian Strachan

Hong Kong cares for its citizens

and has held discussions with the service has been encouraged by BMA. What is required is a system that satisfies the patient's cifying the doctor. Ms Toynbee asserts that only

12 per cent of medical negligence claims succeed, but the chairman of the Legal Aid Board recently reported that 66 per cent of medical negligence claims that come to court are successful. Claims with a poor chance of success are

weeded out by solicitors at an early stage without reaching the Ms Toynbee complains that solicitors have put up posters that draw attention to the right to claim for compensation. She misunderstands the purpose of these. Research shows that as many as 70 per cent of accident victims may not realise their right to claim compensation and few

appreciate that most who cause

Our social security system in

NHS Thists, who earn money from the placing of advertise-ments. Would NHS Trusts allow these advertisements if they merely encouraged claims for medical negligence ag scives? Yours faithfully, PHILLIP SYCAMORE.

From Dr Barbara Deverence Sir: Polly Toynbee draws further attention to the vast amounts of public money spent by the Legal Aid Board on financing largely unsuccessful medical/pharma-

A central point is the irrecoverable cost of defending these actions, against which the expenditure by the Legal Aid Board pales into insignificance. Surely these monies would be better spent on patient care? Yours truly. accidents have insurance to cover BARBARA DEVEREAUX.

After the snip, the side-effects

Hong Kong is not rudimentary Those supported by it are not in "unbearable poverty". Over the From Mr Alan K Canar past three years the average payments to a single social security customer have increased by 29 per cent in real terms. The current payment, at £220 per month. is broadly equivalent to the UK old-age pension rate. Total expen-diture on social security in Hong

Kong has doubled over the past three years. While Hong Kong is not a welfare state - nor will it become one - the Hong Kong government cares for the welfare of our citizens. Yours sincerely,

IAN STRACHAN Director of Social Welfare Hong Kong Government Hong Kong

Capital plans

From Mr Robert Evans, MEP Sir: Exciting times lie ahead for London. Hollywood Hillingdon to the west, Glorious Greenwich to the East. Merrydom for the Millennium.

But can our creaking capital cope? I have already raised my concerns about London's illequipped infrastructure with the relevant authorities ahead of this summer's Euro 96 football festival. The proposed huge new devel-

opments will bring much-needed inward investment but will local residents be consulted, will the environment get a look in and will the welcome employment opportunities be simply Mickey Mouse jobs? Let's learn some lessons from other European capitals and begin with a proper strategic authority to take Lon-

ROBERT EVANS MEP for London NW (Lab) Wembley, Middlesex

don into the 21st century. Yours,

Tax break

From The Rev Paul Nicolson From Mr Demick Streeton Sir. The Home Secretary has announced that his Enforcement of Financial Penalties Working Group is considering alternatives to imprisoning people for the non-payment of fines and TV coastal towns. Yours sincerely, licences (report, 14 February). It DERRICK STREETON is not, however, considering after-Westcliffe-on-Sea, Essex as to, however, considering aiter-natives to imprisoning people for non-payment of local taxes. They are civil debts, not criminal punishments.

News askew

From Mrs G D Williams Sir. The BBC's priorities wer askew last night: the impending divorce between the Prince and Princess of Wales was headlined for fines and TV licences but not for taxes. It seems right, therefore, for the working group to expand its brief to include the enforceon the 7pm news on Radio 4, taking precedence over the accord between Prime Ministers Major ment of local taxes in order to.

The latter was good news; the former was no news at all. Yours faithfully,

Sir. William Hartston is a cautions chess player, but perhaps not cantious enough when deciding on vasectomy (6 February 1996). I admit he did consider the matter for three years but I hardly think 10 days post-operative is the time for self-congratulation. In our detailed study of 68 men

who had submitted to vasctoury, at a median time of nearly 10 years from surgery, we found that vascitomy (in the patients' per-ception), adversely affected a minority of patients such that 12 per cent of men had impairment of libido, organic intensity, and erectile function, while only 61 per cent said that matters were completely undisturbed (British Journal of Family Planuing 1995). For the moment I cannot pro-

mote this operation to my patients with munitigated enthusiasm. I hope Mr Hartston's gam-bit pays off for him. Yours faithfully, ALAN K CANTER

Bridge Road Medical Centre Liverpool

Scottish lessons

From Mr Andrew Thombury Sir: I notice with interest your article "Call for exam to replace A-levels" (29 February). Apparently, the House of Commons select committee on education suggests that "sendents might take five subjects for one year" and this is intended to widen students' studies and be a "passport to university". This seems to me a fair description of the Scottish Higher grade examinations. In 1985, I studied six highers.

and on the basis of my results went on to study at a Scottish university. Might I suggest Sir Malcolm Thornton's committee take a trip north of the border? Yours sincerely. ANDREW THORNBURY

From Ms Nicola Mitchell Sir: Judith Judd's article suggests the Scots have a post-16 education system remarkably similar to the sensible proposal to be made by Sir Ron Dearing. Are those of us who have received a Scottish education really any more wellrounded than our English friends? Yours sincerely, NICOLA MITCHELL



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Ask not for whom the siren blares As regular readers will know, I am a great collector of that modern

kind of folk verse known as motorway ballads, and I was told this one the other day by a man I gave a lift to at Taunton Deane. He later got out a Membury Service Station on the M4, together with my mobile phone and in-car fax machine. However, he did leave this long poem behind, which deals with that perennial motorway mystery: what happens if you fill up with petrol and forget to pay for it? Mr and Mrs Meredith

And their little boy and girl Were driving down to the coast one Out for a bit of a whirl.

When Father said, "Oh me, oh my, And so they stopped to get some

Which is the normal rule. While Father filled the petrol tank Mama bought bags of sweets And crisps and chocolate-coated

And other tasty eats. For she got bared on long car trips And so she sat and ate Which help to stave off boredom But made her overweight... And when the sweets were And pennies had been spent



Papa switched on the engine And said: "OK – let's went!" (One of those jocular phrases Which fathers like to use Thinking they sound quite comical, Though no one shares their

And mother took a sweetie And the kids got belted up And Dad revved up the engine And said out loud: "Hey yup! And he left the service area To rejoin the motorway Totally oblivious That he'd forgotten to pay!

Yes, stricken by amnesia He'd offered no credit card. Not even reached for his cheque So before he'd gone a yard

The girl at the petrol counter (The one marked "PUMPS 1-9")
Had picked up her secret telephone And got the police on the line.

Reporting an abscondee. A guy in a red Fiesta, Owing £30,43."
"OK, Susan, gotcha, Just leave it up to us. We'll get the money back to you Nae bother and nae fuss. Meanwhile poor Mr Meredith. Unaware of his fate. Drove at a steady 60, While his wife sat there and ate. And a couple of miles behind him A police car, flashing blue lights, Looked for the red Fiesta To get him hang to rights. And the gap between them lessened As cars got out of the way, For when a police car flashes us, We normally tend to obey. And breathe a little sigh of relief And thank our lucky stars, As the police sweep past, a-chasing Some other car, not ours. But just when Mr Meredith Was in danger of having to stop, Another driver, called Reggie, Looked round and saw the con Now, the car that Reg was driving Was stolen property.
And Reggie's basic instinct Was to step on the gas and flee. And so he went up to 90, And then was hit by the policeman

"It's Sue at Northbound Petrol

(Whose name, I think, was Sid). And there was a massive pile-up Of 100 cars or more, Who all crashed into each other, And lay there, door to door. While further down the motorway The Meredith family Carried on quite hlithely To their day out by the sea. And when they read the paper The next day, back at base, Father's mouth dropped open And a happy smile came to his face. We were lucky yesterday, mother, When we went down the M. There were masses of cars in pile-up See this picture of them!" "What was the cause?" said Mother.
"Police chase, apparently.
Going too fast in the fast lane Looking for wood to touch,

And then - well, you can see."
"Well, we were lucky," said Mother And when she said she was lucky, She didn't know how much. Now listen, all you drivers, And harken well to me. Next time you go to London Or down the M3 to the sea. When the police sirens are sounding
And the lights behind are hlue,
Ask not whom they are chasing

- The siren hlares for you!

Yours faithfully, PAUL NICOLSON Treasurer, Campaign Against Poll Tax Imprisonment Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire

avoid such an unjust anomaly.

Civil debtors will receive

harsher treatment than petty crim-inals if imprisonment is abolished

China service

Sir. The Government will draw some comfort from the fact that Chinese takeaways (and Chinese speakers) can be found in all our

and Bruton on Northern Ireland.

London, W9-

Can divorce make us all rich?

Marriage break-up boosts economic activity, but increases the gap between rich and poor

Thanks to Charles and Di's I divorce the country is going to be millions richer. Or rather, that is what the economic statistics would show if it were possible to unbundle them - which is a powerful reason for us all to be profoundly concerned about the economic costs of divorce. Let's look at some numbers, first of all for the additional economic activity generated, and then for the impact on the taxpayer.
The legal costs for an agreed

£15m settlement like this ought not to be more than £500,000. Technically, this is not an unusual case by British or even international standards, but I suspect the costs of the royal divorce will turn ont to be somewhat above the norm, because the associated publicity will require the lawyers to do things they would not otherwise do. So there will be a lot of

additional hours, and since lawyers charge by the bour this will be expensive. We may need to increase the estimate above by a factor of up to five. All these fees, like all legal activity, appear in the country's

Gross Domestic Product, From the point of view of national accounts it is irrelevant whether people spend money on lawyers, BMWs or a bealth cluh to choose three of the big ticket items in the Charles/Di sphere. They all show in the nation's GDP, although since the BMW is imported, only the sales, advertising and servicing for that item would register. National statistics make no moral judgements about the usefulness of the activity, they just record it.

Indeed, from a purely economic point of view you could actually argue that it is better for the country that we should spend money on divorce than on having imported cars, for one carries a balance of payments cost, whereas the other has no import content.

Exactly the same arguments payer has to subscribe. apply to all the legal costs of the other 200,000-odd divorces that take place each year in the UK: they increase GDP. If they did not take place, all the associated costs would not appear and, notionally, the country ried or who choose not to get would be poorer.

tional element to the Charles/Di divorce which does not apply to that of lesser mortals. This is the additional activity generated in the media and entertainment husinesses. Every additional news programme, every book, every extra sale of a magazine,



because you cannot know how much attention the world would give to the couple had their marriage continued. But my own guess, for what it is worth, would be well into the bundreds of millions, maybe upwards of

If that sounds a bit absurd, consider the revenues of a blockbuster movie such as Four Weddings and a Funeral. According to the latest tally of Screen International, that is now coming in at \$194.2m, or £130m. Sure the film was cute and it struck a chord, but it was not that special. Lady Di has greater recognition worldwide than Hugh Grant, even now. So I cannot believe that the world-

It's better we spend money on divorce than imported cars

wide revenues of the movie A Royal Wedding and a Divorce would not be substantially

If this sounds mouth-wateringly lucrative, there is another and much sadder tally that also needs to be done. This concerns the bill footed by ordinary people for the breakdown of other people's marriages. The Charles/Di case is unusual in that, presumably, it will be funded entirely by the hus-band's family—it would be a bit rough if we all had to stump up. But in most cases that is precisely what happens: the tax-

Legal aid alone for divorce is running at £250m a year. Think about it. That is £15 for every family in the land - the entire tax on a tank of petrol - taken away from people who are marmarried, and given to the lawget divorced.

And the total bill is much larger. The most thorough study on the cost to the taxpayer of separation and divorce I have been able to find was published back in 1990 and refers to the 1987/88 tax year. every syndicated photo, all add It was carried out by Compass, to our GDP. Putting a figure on a consultancy group, for Relate, all this must be guesswork the charity specialising in mar-

riage guidance. Even then the total cost of divorce worked out at £1.3bn. Legal costs were actually quite a small proportion of the total, with the largest items being the social security payments (supplementary benefft, one-parent benefit, family income supplement and hous-ing benefit) which totalled more than fibn between them. The other main cost was health, for when families break up, people are more likely to take time off work for illness. How should one gross up the figure for today? If the cost bas risen in line with social security spending in general, it is not

maybe nearer £5bn. Thus very large amounts of money, equivalent to a couple of pence of the standard rate of income tax, are being taken away from one group of people and given to another. This is not to make any moral judgement about the rights and wrongs of divorce - let's leave that to Lord Mackay and his critics - nor it is to comment on the extent to which the state should transfer money between its citizens. It is simply to say

going to be less than £3bn,

that it is happening.

Not all these payments appear in GDP. Most are simply transfers. But the legal costs and the health care costs do show up, for these represent additional activity. However counter-intuitive it might seem, if someone is ill as a result of the stress of divorce, the cost of the medical care, the insurance and so on, all appear as a rise in GDP.

Understanding this is one of the cines to understanding one of the oft-noted phenomena of our age: the figures show that the country is getting richer, for GDP per head is rising, but most people compare their lives now and 10 years ago, and do not feel any richer. Anyone who does will almost certainly be working a lot harder now than then. This puzzle is partly because we are all unreasonable, in that we have a rosier view of the past than it perhaps deserved. But it is partly because things such as family breakdown, or rising crime, add to GDP but do not enhance our personal living standards.

the less it needs to devote funds to police, lawyers, social security - the greater the resources available to spend in bealth clubs or to buy more BMWs.

In one sense the sad story of few noughts added on to the



For richer, for poorer: Prince Charles and Princess Dlana's divorce will add millions of pounds to GDP

Family lawyers have different rules for rich and famous clients, says Raymond Tooth

What is the difference between a celebrity divorce and an ordinary one? The simple answer is money. While an ordinary couple might be arguing over a fonr-bedroom house and an income of £50,000, a wealthy family and their lawyers have a very different set of negotiations.

Surprisingly enough, great wealth can make things much simpler. One might imagine that there would be months of arguments over every last penny in very account, but there is something known as the "rich man's defence". where a client being sued for divorce can state that he is worth not less than a milorders. In these cases, the court will generally be reasonably realistic, and as long as the asset value sum stated is not chal-

investigation into his worth. Of course, if there is a big difference in what someone says they are worth the royals is the slory of so and what their partner claims, there many of their citizens, with a will be an investigation, and the courts require full and frank disclosure. The aim is generally to achieve a clean

lenged, there is no need for a massive

break settlement, with both sides proit does seem to be a factor with the Highness or not, does not mean that vided for.

Aristocratic couples have particular problems - and the Royal Family might be said to be in this category. The Duke of X may have lots of properties and acres of countryside, but none of them will belong to him outright. So when the Prince and Princess. If I were advising either side, I would suggest insisting that nobody says anything publicly unless a statement has been agreed by both sides - and I would threaten an injunction to silence a party that refused to

comply.

Much has been made of the question Duchess sues for divorce, the usual thing is to sign over a property to her for life.

Much has been made of the question of the Princess's title after the divorce.

We try to remain friends with our clients, but we are not there to pick up the pieces

which will revert to the family trust on her death. A much-married aristocrat might have several houses occupied by former spouses. In the case of the Prince and Princess of Wales, Kensington Palace looks likely to be the property signed over to the Princess for life.

Publicity is a great danger in a case like this. Thankfully, it is reasonably rare for one side to start using the press to try to force the hand of the other, but

But there is a clear protocol for noblewomen who are divorced, which is the one that the Royal Family seems happy to follow. If the Duchess of Notting Hill

Gate were to divorce, she would become Anna, Duchess of Notting Hill Gate; if the Duke remarries, his new wife becomes the Duchess of Notting Hill Gate. Having one person named Diana, Princess of Wales,

whether she is known as Her Royal

there could not be another Princess of Wales, or even several. The most difficult problems always

arise over children. In this case - and in many others where wealthy families are concerned - everyone must be grateful for boarding schools. There is no need for complicated arrangements to shuttle the young princes to and from their parents: the school is de facto in charge of them during term time and their holidays can be shared between their

Divorce can bring a lot of pain, and a lawyer often has to give emotional supinvolved in this case, and both are excellent at their jobs - I am sure they will be doing their best to make this divorce as painless as possible. When it is all over, the lawyers walk away - we try to remain friends with our clients, but we are not there to pick up the pieces after the divorce goes through.

The writer is a senior partner, specialising in divorce, at Sears Tooth.



Finding a real job for Bobby

Our police force is not about crime, it's about symbols, says Peter Waddington

police are employed to do: prevent and detect crime. It is against this definition that it has assessed the effectiveness of the police in its report Streetwise - Effective Police Patrol", published yesterday. The commission finds the police in general, and beat patrol in particular, to be woefully inadequate, and concludes that the public's demand for "more hobbies on the beat" is misplaced. Certainly there is precious little evi-

dence that police officers wandering aimlessly about bave much impact on crime. Establishing a police force suppresses criminal activity to an enormous extent. But the number of police and their deployment bas hardly any discernible impact. The reasons are apparent as soon as the mythology of policing is stripped away. First, virtually no society has

enough police officers. A force of 130,000 - one officer for 500 citizens -seems reasonable. But those officers must provide 24-hour cover, and will need time off for leave, training and sickness. Even the most avid supporter of more "bobbies on the beat" will also demand detectives, traffic patrols, dog handlers and mounted officers, and all the other specialisms that are taken for granted. As the Audit Commission acknowledges, this almost inevitably means that sizeable towns are actually policed by

a handful of officers. Second, even if there were enough police patrolling the streets it is unlikely they would stumble across much crime. Some years ago Home Office researchers calculated that under the most favourable circumstances a patrolling police officer would pass within a hundred yards of a burglary in progress once every eight years. Even then, it is unlikely that the officer would be aware of the proximity, since the burglar would be securely hidden from

The Andit Commission, like most view in someone else's property.

Third, when it comes to discovering offences and detecting offenders, the police are not the main players. Ordinary members of the public are far more influential: if you and I decide not to report crimes (and we do so in roughly a third to a quarter of cases) then the police remain ignorant of them; unless the offender is unambiguously identified at the time of the offence, there is little like-

> Finally, it is facile to believe that the police could do much to influence crime. Let me illustrate this with the prosaic example of fairs. Before the late 19th-century fairs were occasions for social mayhem, not infrequently concluding with the deployment of the militia. All this changed about a hundred years ago, not because of anything the police did, but because

social service", a role deplored in a recent government White Paper and despised by the police themselves.

The problem is that it is enormously difficult to distinguish clearly between what is and is not "police

work". A missing child may tragically turn out to be a murder; a collapsed elderly person may have been the victim of crime: a crashed car might be stolen. The division between crime and non-crime is a permeable one

There is more the police could do to deal effectively with the enormous range of demands the public makes on them. However, the greatest inhibition is the belief that solving crime is the principal task of the police. In this, the Audit Commission is more culpable than most. The persistent emphasis that it has given to crimefighting in its various reports into

If the police are not the authority on the streets, who is? Local yobs? Drug dealers?

of the influence of Phineas T Barnum. It was the commercialisation of . fairs that transformed them into orderly and relatively crime-free forms of respectable entertainment. The decision of government to relax restrictions on gaming or loosen the regulation of public-house opening times is likely to have a more profound effect on crime than anything the Audit Commission could conceivably recommend.

So as an instrument of crime-fighting, policing is largely an irrelevance. This is true not only of Britain, but throughout the world. Does this mean the police have universally failed, or that the criteria against which they are measured are inappropriate?

Certainly, the police do much more than simply fight crime, indeed more of their time is devoted to other tasks. They are increasingly a "secret

policing merely reinforces the police's tendency to dismiss any wider role as a distraction.

Instead of chastising the public for turning to the police - as the Audit Commission in effect did yesterday in relation to 999 calls - we should ask why it does so. The answer is that the public does perceive the service as having a wider role: to dispense authority. When people feel they cannot deal with a situation, they ask the police to intervene. The reason that the public welcomes the sight of patrolling police and demands more of them, is that the beat officer represents the authority of the state over

public space. This wider writ of the law is the reason why police become so annoyed at the suggestion that there are "no-go" areas, for such places fundamentally challenge the authority of the police,

the law and ultimately the state itself. Consider the lengths to which the authorities go to ensure that RUC officers can patrol the streets of Northern Ireland: a squad of heavily armed soldiers, with others in reserve, escorts a lone constable. This cannot conceivably be justified in crimefighting terms, but testifies to the symbolic importance of patrol.

There is a nice irony in all this, for

the available evidence indicates that

crime flourishes in conditions devoid of an authoritative order. The murder rate in New York has declined markedly in the last few years. The Commissioner of the New York Police attributes this reduction to police action targeting beggars, faredodgers and windscreen cleaners at traffic lights. The connection is known as the "broken windows hypothesis": once a single window is broken and not repaired, the remaining windows in an empty building are smashed. Maintaining low-level order sustains a virtuous cycle that militates against more serious crime. The withdrawal of authority from public spaces, of which the disappearance of the beat police officer is merely one part, leans in the opposite direction. If the police are not the authority on the streets, who is? The local yobs? Drug dealers?

The Audit Commission report on beat patrol poses a fundamental dilemma now heing experienced by many public services: how do we establish the value of such symbolic functions? Economic rationality and public accountability demand that public services such as the police use their resources effectively to achieve purposes of which the public approve. But symbolic functions are inherently difficult to evaluate. The danger is that they will therefore be ignored and left to wither.

The writer is professor of sociology at the University of Reading, and author of 'Calling the Police' (Avebury 1993).



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Dr Daniel Cunningham

Daniel Cunningham was interested primarily in the control of human breathing, with its ramtemperature, asphyxia, anaesthesia, disease, mining, diving, aviation and mountaineering. and it is a tribute to his distinction that not only the first four-minute miler, (Sir) Roger Bannister, but also the first conqueror of Everest, (Sir) Edmund Hillary, should have trodden the rolling rubber floor in the Oxford University Laboratory of Physiology.

Daniel Cunningham was

born in Kausali. India in 1919. the son of Dr John Cunningham, IMS. Director of the Pasteur Institute, Madras, whose hrothers were Admiral of the Fleet Lord Cunningham and General Sir Alan Cunningham. Dan, after nine years at Loretto, won a Nuffield Medical Exhibition to Worcester College. Oxford. In passing the First examinations for the Oxford BM BCh he won the Theodore Williams Scholarships in Physinlegy and Anatomy, the subject in which his grandfather had achieved world-wide fame. He went to Edinburgh for his clinical course, and there, with his distinguished contemporaries Gus Born and D.H. Clark, persuaded the authorities to accept their newly condensed syllabus. which allowed them to qualify six months earlier than normal. and so enter the forces early.

He had an adventurous war in the RAMC and the 3rd Parachute Brigade, with whom he served from Normandy to the Bidtic and landed at Arnhem. In September 1945 Dr H.M. Sinclair was looking for doctors to lead his nutritional survey teams in Germany, and, remembering Cunningham's spectacular performance at Oxford, got him seconded as Major, RAMC, to lead the headquarters team in Düsseldorf.

By dint of his tact and intelligence, Cunningham made a great success of this, but administrative problems outside his control prevented complelion of bis work on the normal plasma protein concentrations in subjects suffering from hunger oedema and nocturia.

Back at Oxford, he got First Class Honours in Physiology in 1947 with Genffrey Dawes as his lutor, and then succeeded to the Radeliffe Medical Fellowship of University College, of which he became an Emeritus Fellow. He proved to be a devoted tutor. and when appointed, after holding the Schorstein Research Fellowship, to a Lecturership in

was at case in the traditional

diplomatic role, in his case spe-

cialising in the Arab world. But

he also made his mark handling

the complex economic and

trade policy issues which have

played an increasingly imporlant part in British diplomacy

He grew up in Clapham, an

old map of which be proudly dis-

played at home. From Christ's

Hospital he went as a Scholar

to Corpus Christi College.

Cambridge. There he found

time to indulge his twin passions

of cricket and motorcycles.

while taking a First in Classics

over the past decade.

Physiology, a productive and cooperative research scientist.

His interest in human nutrition naturally brought him towards the respiratory and metabolic side of physiology, of which C.G. Douglas was the leader in the Laboratory. He was the survivor of the important school of human physiology founded by John Scott Haldane, father of the biologist Jack Haldane (JBSH) and the writer Naomi Mitchison, and claimed by Daniel Cunningham as his scientific hero. Unlike his son, J.S. Haldane

had misgivings about repre-senting the phenomena of living organisms by means of equations, but from the first Cunningham nailed his colours to the most of quantitative numerical physiology on the whole animal, and in his early papers his colleagues C.G. Douglas and Roger Bannister went enthusiastically with him. Ban-nister was his first guinea-pig in investigating the effects of oxygen on respiration and endurance in treadmill running. another famous Versuchskaninchen [German for guineapig) being Jeffrey Archer.

The treadmill constituted one of Cunningham's early successes in getting apparatus for experiments on active human beings working smoothly and productively, and foreshadowed his later successes in investigating buman phenomena safely and effectively.

Haldane, Douglas and Priestley had made many of the ear-ly observations of the ventilatory effects of carbon dioxide (CO₂), and Cunningham's next work after that with Bannister was to challenge the multiplefactor hypothesis of John S. Gray and to reinvestigate the important Danish work of Nielsen and Smith on the effect of CO, at various oxygen concentrations. He decided with his research pupils Cormack and



guage. He joined the Diplo-

matic Service in 1975 after do-

ing Voluntary Service Over-

His first joh in the Foreign

and Commonwealth Office was

in Middle East Department,

covering Iran and Iraq. He spent 18 months learning Ara-

hic before being posted to Am-

man, Jordan. There he dev-

eloped a wide range of contacts,

from the royal court to the

local souk. Back in London in

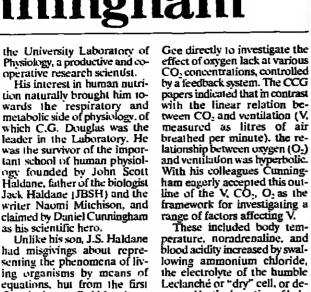
1981, he worked first in the Cab-

incl Office. After a short peri-

od handling the aftermath of the

seas in what was then Rhodesia

(Zimbabwe since 1980).



the electrolyte of the humble Leclanché or "dry" cell, or decreased by the ingestion of baking soda. JBSH was typically one of the first to ingest ammonium chloride, and found that it aggravated his already somewhat inflammable disposition. One of Cunningham's guinca-pigs exhibited the opposite effect, no doubt attributable to his calm conduct of the exhausting fourhour experimental sessions. Cunningham thus demon-

strated that the extremely powerful technique, easily and pro-ductively used in the physical sciences, of separation of factors, was applicable to the more complicated field of human biology, Having shown its value in steady-state situations, he spent the latter part of his career in respiratory physiology in-vestigating transient and oscillatory stimuli, and as a reviewer and lecturer.

In his college as Senior Feilow he played an important part in the election of new Masters. His success in his chosen career was due to his qualities as a human being: modesty, great general ability and determination an analytical intellect of high quality capable of holding many disparate and complex ideas together, as shown particularly in his lecturing, and great courtesy. humour, integrity and bonesty. He was fortunate in having a

remarkable wife, Judith Hill, a professional violinist. Their son is a consultant nephrologist, and their daughter an art historian, expert in English

Brian B, Lloyd

Daniel John Chapman Cun-ningham, physiologist: born Kausali, India 21 October 1919; Radeliffe Medical Fellow, University College, Oxford 1947-96; married 1947 Judith Hill (one son, one daughter); died Oxford 26 February 1996.

Andrew Heath

Grenada crisis he returned to

Middle East Department before

being posted to Kuwait in 1985.

This gave him his first taste of

Building on that expertise, Heath then went to Washington for four years, where he did much to influence United

States trade policy in areas af-

fecting the United Kingdom.

Back in London as Assistant

Head of the West European

Department, be honed his skills

as a manager and policy-mak-

er. His door was always open.

As Deputy High Commission-

er in Wellington since 1993. Heath won high praise for his

clear-minded approach to his

economic work.



Anna Larina

Anna Larina dedicated her whole life to the rebabilitation of ber husband, the prominent Bolshevik Nikolai Bukharin. who was executed by Stalin in 1938. She started her campaign for his rehabilitation in 1962. It took ber 26 years to win her

She was born Anna Lurle, daughter of a committed Jewish socialist and economist, Mikhail Lurie, who later changed his name to Yuri Larin. He was first a Menshevik but later joined the Bolsheviks. Anna met Bukharin when she was 15, when he came to her school in Moscow to give a talk, Afterwards Bukharin often visited her family's flat to discuss economic matters with her

Larin died in 1932 and was buried in the Kremlin Wall on Red Square, Two years later Anna Larina hecame Bukharin's (second) wife. He was 26 years her senior. By this time, being opposed to Stalin, he had been fired from the Politburo (on 17 November 1929) but was appointed the editorin-chief of the newspaper Invistia. In 1936 he and Larina visited several European countries, where he secretly met Russian

work and contact-making skills.

In a lypically self-effacing way.

he contributed much to the

success of the Prime Minister

John Major's visit to New Zealand for the 1995 Com-

monwealth Heads of Govern-

ment Meeting. A promising

career was tragically cut short when he was killed in a road ac-

cident on his motorbike in New

The key to Andrew Heath's

character was his utter straight-

forwardness. His quiet clever-

ness, dry humour, sound judge-

ment, and unfailing kindness

and courtesy won him respect

and friendship wherever he

went. Nothing was too much

opposition leaders in exile. In August that year Stalin's pros-ecutor-in-chief, Andrei Vyshinsky, announced the beginning of investigations into Bukharin's activities during a show trial of the politicians Lev Kamenov and Grigory Zinoviev, wbo were executed on Stalin's orders soon afterwards. Bukharin was arrested at a

meeting of the Central Communist Party Committee on 27 February 1937 together with several others, including the politician Alexei Rykov. In the atmosphere of frenzied vilification then reigning - which was extreme even by Stalinist standards - all ten were executed as "right-of-centre Trotskyists". Not until 1987, as a result of a sensational serialisation of Larina's memoirs in the weekly magazine Moscow Ogonek ("Small Light"), did it become known that Bukharin had confessed to the monstrous accusations made about him only after the promise was given not to arrest Larina and to spare her life. Of course the first part of this promise was broken immedialely after Bukharin's ex-

ecution on 13 March 1938. On Stalin's order Larina was arrested and spent nearly 20

trouble. No demand ruffled his

determination calmly to un-

ravel every problem, without

Heath was a devoted family

preconceptions or prejudice.

man. He and his wife Christi-

na brought generosity and a

sense of fun, as well as a shared

love of good cooking, to en-

tertaining friends and contacts

alike. He took great pleasure in playing with his two young

sons, initiating them and others

into the mysteries of modern

computing: and last year cap-

taining the Wellington diplo-

matic cricket team to victory

over the New Zealand Parlia-

Murray v United Kingdom;

European Court of Human

late article 6(1) and (2t.

The applicant was arrested

in a house in which a Provi-

sional Irish Republican Army

informer, Mr L, had been held

captive. At the police station

the applicant's access to a so-

licitor was delayed for 48 hours,

pursuant to the Northern Ire-land (Emergency Provisions) Act 1987. The applicant was

cautioned by the police under the Criminal Evidence (North-ern Ireland) Order 1988 (SI no

1987(NI 20)) that adverse in-

ferences might be drawn if he

failed to answer questions at

the pre-trial stage. The appli-cant was interviewed 12 times

and cautioned. He remained

silent.

Rights. Strasbourg; 8 February

Sherard Cowper-Coles

mentarians.

years in various camps in the gulag. In 1962, several years after her release, she wrote to President Nikita Khrushchev asking him to re-open Bukharin's case and rebabilitate him. Her request was refused and for the next 26 years she wrote in vain to all relevant Soviet organisations and authorities. In 1987 she handed over Bukharin's last letter to Moscow News. and during the perestroika years of the mid-Eighties, pub-lished all Bukharin's archive.

In 1938 she received a doc ument from President Mikhail Gorhachev, effecting Buk-harin's complete rehabilitation. During 1990-91, she carried out a lecture tour around Europe; she was already ill, but her tragic fate, her determination, and her lovalty to her husband touched the hearts of millions. She published her memoirs, Nezabyvaemoe ("This I Cannot Forget"), in 1991. Jeanne Vrouskaya

Anna Mikhailovna Lurie (Larina): born Moscow 27 January 1914: married 1934 Nikolai Bukharin (died 1938; one son); 1945 Fyodor Fadeyes (died 1959) one son, one daughter); died Moscow 24 February 1996.



Andrew Heath, diplomat: born London 17 April 1953; Deputy High Commissioner to New Zealand 1993-96; married 1982

gave evidence that he bad been

Terence Armstrong

tions of polar scientists, of all ages and disciplines, who passed through the Scott Polar Research Institute (SPRI) in Cambridge, in the course of almost 50 years, will remember what a happy place he made it. His meticulous scholarship, kindness, courtesy and an inability, borne of a deep Christian faith, to speak ill of anyone, touched his vast circle of friends, and all

Armstrong was the first boy to study Russian at Winchester. He went up to Magdalene College, Cambridge in 1938 to read Modern Languages under Dame Elizabeth Hill, who, he said, "taught him how to study". With the Army Intelligence Corps from 1940 to 1946, he served in many theatres, was wounded at Arnhem, and on 8 May 1945 led a small group of British soldiers into Oslo, the first of the liberating forces. Re-turning to Cambridge in 1947, he was appointed to a Fellow-ship in Russian at the SPRI, and later to an ad hominem Readership in Arctic Studies.

From the beginning of the Cold War, Armstrong's work. was virtually the only source of information in the West on the current situation in the Soviet North. In the years before fieldwork was possible, he was tireless in monitoring and interpreting Soviet newspapers and specialist periodicals. His interests covered exploration and settlement, economic development and the destiny of native peoples. His skill in discovering and synthesising previously un-known material from Russian sources was always revealing. His book Russian Settlement in the North (1965) was a major contribution, not only to the history of the region, but also to the comparative study of European colonisation world-wide.

His studies of the demograby, literature and schooling of the 26 indigenous peoples of the north threw a searching light on wider Soviet nationality policy at a time (in the Sixties and Seventies) when ethnic conflict was assumed to be a thing of the past. His annual digests of the movements of Soviet Arctic shipping, published in Polar Record, provided the most accurate and comprehensive picture of an activity that was crucial to the extraction of minerals and thus to the entire

Soviet economy.

Armstrong was much liked in the Soviet Union. On arriving in Moscow, the day after the death of his closest Russian. friend, the geographer Boris Kremer, he was asked to give the funeral oration -a rare honour for a foreigner in those suspicious times. While he did not shrink in his writings from making judgements about the in- aspire to leadership in the hitentions and effects of Soviet social and economic policies, their balance and fairness made him trusted throughout the Soviet polar research community, who also appreciated their sheer informativeness.

On a visit to Siberia in the 1960s, he was asked by his hosts to confirm that he was responsible for a detailed map of search 1956-77, Acting Director local internal air routes which 1982-83; Founder Fellow, Clare had appeared under his name in Polar Record. With some apprebension, he replied that he was, and was astonished at the response: "Thank you so much, it is the most accurate map of

François Chaumette, actor, died Paris 28 February, aged 72. Christina Friday (two sons); died Member of the Comédie General, Royal To Shannon, NZ 25 February 1996. Française theatre since 1957. Institute 1976-96.

Amstrong was around his able to find." In all his work, laughter filled the air. General Amstrong was careful to most find to polar scientists. the steady build-up of Russian holdings in the SPRL It did not surprise him that in recent years, Russian scholars have come to the Institute's library to find out what was going on in their own country in the

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Armstrong applied his unique knowledge of the Russ-ian north to the wider study of society throughout the Arctic. He worked extensively in Canada and Alaska with scholars and administrators such as Graham Rowley, George Rogers, Vic Fischer and Frank Darnell. In 1976, he became, with Darnell, a founder member of an international committee on crosscultural education in the north. and two years later published. with Rowley and Rogers, a seminal study entitled The Circumpolar North. McGill University awarded

him an honorary LLD in 1963 and the University of Alaska an honorary DSc in 1980. In 1978 be was awarded the Victoria Medal by the Royal Geographical Society for outstanding contributions to



geographical scholarship. He was Honorary Secretary of the Hakinyt Society 1965-90, and Honorary Treasurer of the In-ternational Glaciological Society 1963-70.

Just those characteristics which made the SPRI such a happy place were also brought to bear on the foundation and nurturing of Clare Hall, of which Armstrong was made a Founder Fellow in 1964 and later Vice-President.

In 1943 Terence Armstrong married Iris Forbes. With their four children, they were an incomparable team, supporting each other in all they did, whether it be in the University or the village of Harston in which they lived for more than 40 years. They were mainstays of the parish church. A warm welcome and intellectual stimulation were found at Harston House by a vast number of scholars, whether they had "snow on their boots" or not.

erarchical sense, but whatever he put his hand to was changed for the better.

John Heap

Terence Edward Armstrong, polar scholar: born Oxted, Surrey 7 April 1920: Fellow in Russian, Scott Polar: Research Institute 1947-56, Assistant Director of Re-Hall, Cambridge 1964-96, Read-er in Arctic Studies 1977-83, Vice-President 1985-87; married 1943 Iris Forbes (two sons, two daughters); died Harston, Cam-bridge 21 February 1996.

David Fryer, solicitor, died 27 February, aged 59. Secretary-General, Royal Town Planning

Births, Marriages & Deaths

BIRTHS

WHEELER: On 1 February to Jacque

DEATHS

KENNY: Patrick, died peacefully on Tuesday 27 February, Much loved by us all - wife Della, children Keyin. Dermot and Siobhan, grandchildren and sisters. Funeral Thursday 7 March at 1.15pm. St Monica's RC Church, Palmers Green, N13, Fami-

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ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

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Birthdays

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breed of British diplomat. He est in the mechanics of lan-

Anniversaries

Births: Sir Samuel Romilly, law reformer, 1757; Frederic-François (Fryderyk Franciszek) Chopin, composer, 1810: Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin, architect, 1812; Lytton Giles Struckey, author and biographer, 1880; Roger Martin du Gard, play-wright and novelist, 1881; Allon Glenn Miller, bandleader, 1904; James David Graham Niven, actor. 1910: Dinah Shore (Frances Rose Shore) singer, 1917. Deaths: Thomas Campion, poet and composer, 1620; George Herbert, clergyman and poet, 1633; Thomas Ellwood, poet, 1713; George Grossmith, comedian

and singer, 1912; Mack Gordon (Morris Gittler), lyneist 1959; Jack-Alr Harry Belafonte, actor and ene (Jack Leslie) Coogan, actor. 1984. tertainer. 60: Mr David Broome, On this day: Mozambique was disshow jumper, 56; Mr Douglas Bunn, founder. All-England Jumping. on this tay; stocambique was tay
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1,200 French Huguenots were massacred at Vassy, 1562; the Spectator
was first published, 1711; Charles 1 Course, Hickstead, 68; Sir Robert Calderwood, former chief executive. Strathelyde Regional Council. of Spain expelled the Jesuits from the 64: Mr Nigel Cowley, cricketer, 43: Mt Roger Daltrey, singer and actor, 52: Mt Andrew Faulds, actor and MP. country, 1767; slavery was abolished by Pennsylvania, the first US state to do so, 1780; all the States of the 73: Sir Allan Green QC, former Di-American Union ratified the articles rector of Public Prosecutions, 61; Air of Confederation, 1781; Ohio became Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges, forof Confederation, 1781; Onlo became the 17th of the United States; Mebernet Ali of Egypt massacred the Mamelukes and obtained total pow-er, 1811; Texas was annexed by the United States, 1845; Nebraska be-came the 37th of the United States, mer Deputy Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces, Central Europe. 78; Mr Martyn Jones MP. 49; Sir Michael Kerr, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 75; Professor James Lister, paedia trician, 73; Mr John Napier, theatrical 1867; Yellowstone Park was set aside as a US national park, 1872; St designer, \$2; Mr Mike Read, bruadcaster, 45; Commandant Dame Nan-Dunstan's in Regent's Park was opened as a bostel for the blind, 1915; cy Robertson, former director of the WRNS, 87; Mr David Scott Cowper, solo yachtsman, 54; Mr Mark Todd, he 19-month-old son of Charles Lindbergh, aviator, was kidnapped Three Day Eventer, 40: Mai-Gen 1932; the United States tested a hy-drogen bomb at Bikini Atoll, 1954; Philip Tower, former Commandan Royal Military Academy, 79: Mr Urian Waites, golfer, 56: Sir Gerald Whent, chief executive, Racal Telethe Soviet spacecraft Venus 3 touched down on Venus, 1966; after the Walergate burglary, seven of Nixon's aides were inducted, 1974. Today is com ple and Vodafone Group, 69. the Feast Day of St Aubin or Alb

nus of Angers. St David or Dewi, St Felix 111, Pope. St Rudesind or Rosendo and St Swithbert. Lectures National Gallery: Nicholas Penny. "Innocents Ahroad [ii: Raphael. Portrait of Two Men (Andrea Navagero and Agestino Beamano)". 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Imogen Stewart, "Dpus anglicanum: English medieval embroidery". Tate Gallery: James Runcie. Cezanne: a day on the mountain",

Gresham College, Barnard's Inn Hall, London EC1: Professor Heather Couper, "Big Bang to Big

Luncheons

Enreign and Communicality Office Mr Malcolm Rifkind QC MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Com-monwealth Affairs, held a luncheon yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens, London SW1, in honour of King Hussein of Jordan.

English-Speaking Union

Mrs Edwina Currie MP spoke on her new brook. A Roman's Place, at a literary luncheon held vesterday by the English-Speaking Union at Dart-mouth House, London WI, Mrs Valerie Mitchell, Director-General, ESU. presided. Mrs Veronica McVey, Deputy Chairman, ESU Na-tional Committee for England and

British Red Cross

The Princess of Wales, Vice-President. British Red Cross, launched the new charity initiative, HelpAd, at the British Red Cross 125th Birthday Year Thank You Celebration Party, held yesterday at Lancaster House,

Synagogue services

Sy magogue services to be held toniorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Sabbath begins in London at 5.20pm.
United Synagogues: 0171-387 4306. Federation of Synagogues: 0181-202 2263. Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues: 0171-580 1663. Reform Synagogues: 0171-580 1663. Reform Synagogues: 0171-580 1663. Reform Synagogues: 0171-580 171-373. New London Synagogue (Masortii: 0171-323 1026.

Delayed access to lawyer infringed fair trial LAW REPORT

The ECHR beld, by 12 votes to forced to make a taped conseven, that the applicant's lack of access to a lawyer during the first 48 hours of his police defession and that after the arrival of the police he saw the applicant at the top of the stairs. The tention violated his right to a applicant was pulling a tape out fair hearing under article 6(1) taken with article 6(3)(c) of the of a cassette. The Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, sitting without a jury, discounted evidence that the applicant European Convention on Human Rights. The ECHR also held, by 14 votes to five, that had recently arrived at the the drawing of adverse infer-ences from the applicant's house as not being credible. The Lord Chief Justice drew silence during police interrogatinn and at trial did not vio-

adverse inferences from the fact that the applicant failed to of-fer an explanation for his presence at the house and had remained silent during the trial. The applicant was sentenced to eight years imprisonment for aiding and abetting the false imprison-ment of Mr L.

The ECHR said that the right to remain silent under police questioning and the privi-lege against self-incrimination were generally recognised international standards which lay at the heart of the notion of fair procedure under article 6. Whether the drawing of adverse inferences from an accused's silence infringed article 6 was a matter to be determined in the light of all the cir-At the applicant's trial Mr L cumstances of the case, having

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particular regard to the situations where inferences might be provide an explanation for his drawn, the weight attached to them by the national courts in their assessment of the could not be regarded as unfair evidence and the degree of or unreasonable in the circompulsion inherent in the

The applicant's insistence in maintaining silence did not amount to a criminal offence terrogation the accused was or contempt of court. As had been stressed in national court tal dilemma. If he chose to redecisions, silence, in itself, could not be regarded as an in-dication of guilt.

Turning to the role played bythe inferences, these were proceedings without a jury. The drawing of inferences was subject to an important series of safeguards. Appropriate warnings must have been given to the accused as to the legal effects of maintaining silence. Moreover the prosecutor must first establish a prima facie case against the accused.

It was only if the evidence against the accused "called" for an explanation which the accused ought to be in a position to give, that a failure to give any explanation "may as a matter of common sense allow the drawing of an inference that there is no explanation and that

the accused is guilty". Having regard to the weight of the evidence against the applicant, the drawing of inferences from his refusal to presence in the house was a matter of common sense and cumstances. There was no vi-

olation of article 6(1) and (2).

confronted with a fundamenmain silent, adverse inferences might be drawn against him. If be opted to break his silence, he ran the risk of prejudicing his defence without necessarily removing the possibility of inferences being drawn against

Under such conditions the concept of fairness enshrined in article 6 required that the accused had the benefit of the assistance of a lawyer. To deny access to a lawyer for the first 48 hours of police questioning, where the rights of the defence might well be irretrievably prej-udiced, was incompatible with the rights of the accused under article 6. There was therefore a breach of article 6(1) taken with article 6(3)(c).

Ying Hui Tan, Barrister

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Latest prices set to show signs of housing recovery

DIANE COYLE **Economics Correspondent**

New signs of recovery in the housing market are expected increase running in this widely-today with the publication of used indicator of house prices. the first indicator of house although the average price in prices in February. Nationwide building soci-

ety's house price index is expected to show a moderate increase of up to 0.5 per cent after remaining flat in January, reflecting other signs of improvement in the market.

The Halifax house price in-dex, due on Monday, is also likely to show a modest rise. Other hudding societies are ex-pected to follow shortly Na-tionwide's move last week to This will be the eighth monthly February prohably remained

helow its level a year earlier. Optimism that the longawaited recovery has finally arrived will get another boost within the next week from additional mortgage rate cuts and other loyalty incentives.

demonstrate the benefits of remaining mutual by reducing its rates to borrowers.

Skipton and Bradford & Bingley are among the societies likely to announce further moves within the next few days. A Skipton spokesman said: "There is no question that we will be announcing something. It is only a matter of

Bradford & Bingley led an earlier round in the mortgage war. Bristol & West, Britannia and Yorkshire huilding societies have also announced discount schemes in recent weeks.

News of the improvement in house prices will follow new figures confirming earlier evidence of a pick-up in activity in January. Adam Cole, an economist at brokers James Capel, said: "The recovery in the housing market is gather-

loans approved during the month climbed to 80,000 - the highest since December 1994 according to Bank of England statistics yesterday. Their level was 13 per cent up on last sum-mer's trough. The figure is a good leading indicator of hous-

ing market activity. The value of new loans approved climbed to £4.92bm up from December's £4.61bn and £4.56hn in January 1995.

The number of new home at HSBC Markets, said: "Prices since June. This compared and actual market volumes follow behind approvals, so provided the steady momentum shown by these figures continues, things are shaping up for the best spring house-buying season for

years. The Bank of England also confirmed the January pick-up mortgage lending reported by banks and building societies. New loans amounted to Ian Shepherdson, an analyst £1.32bn in total, the highest

with £1.166n in December and was slightly higher than in January last year. Annual growth in home loans was 4.1 per

Adrian Coles, director general of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, said the year had got off to a positive start. "Transaction and mortgage activity could improve spasmedically rather than rise steadily for some months. However, as long as confidence continues to

should show real improvements during 1996," he said. The British Bankers' Association said there had been a modestly encouraging start to the new year.

The positive signals during the past month have led most analysts to predict higher levels of activity and house prices this year, with some arguing that the recovery could turn out to be more dramatic than most people expect.

3,000 jobs face axe in \$5bn BP-Mobil deal

Industrial Correspondent

Up to 3,000 jobs will go at BP and Mohd in one of the most radical overhauls of the European downstream oil industry announced yesterday. The \$5bn (£3.2bn) merger of the two groups' fuels and lubricants businesses in 43 countries will create a business with sales of more than \$2bn and the

strength to challenge the clout of Shell and Exxon in an increasingly competitive market-It fuelled speculation among City analysts over further rationalisation in the industry. One questioned whether US operators such as Chevron and Texaco, which have a relatively

small position in Europe, might

pull out altogether. The venture will include refineries, pipelines, tankage and terminals as well as a network of 9,000 petrol stations across Europe. It pools almost all the BP and Mobil oil operations apart from the act of pumping

it out of the ground. More than 2,000 of the petrol stations are in the UK, making this the biggest network ahead of Esso and Shell. Britain is also home to BP's Grangemouth refinery in Fife and to Mobil's Coryton

refinery in Essex.
By joining forces, BP and Mobil will boast a 12 per cent share
of the fuels market and will become the leader in lubricants with an 18 per cent market share. The company will shoot to the top of the league in some key European countries including France where individually they might languish in fifth or sixth place. BP shares rose 10½p,to close at 539½p. Jomt ventures will be formed

in each of the countries concerned including all EU states, Switzerland, Turkey, Cyprus, all of Eastern Europe and Russia West of the Urals. Of the \$5bn of assets to be poured into the venture, \$3.4bn will come from BP and \$1.6bn from Mobil.

John Browne, BP's chief executive, said: "This is a project that could only have been undertaken hy BP and Mohd. The European downstream operations of our two companies are uniquely complementary. Bringing them together will produce efficiences through sharing costs, elimination duplication and and achieving

major economies of scale." He said that the marriage, which puts them in the "top tier" of European refining and mar-keting will result in joint annual pre-tax savings of \$400m to \$500m within three years. Lou Noto, chairman and chief executive of Mobil, said:

"This is a venture which was not invented in the boardroom but at the working level. John and I agree that we will not nit-pick. We will not be reduced to silly games between the partners and we will not let egos get in the way." Mr Noto added that he believes the savings could go beyond those envisaged at pre-sent and stressed that the alliance should be viewed "as a platform for growth".

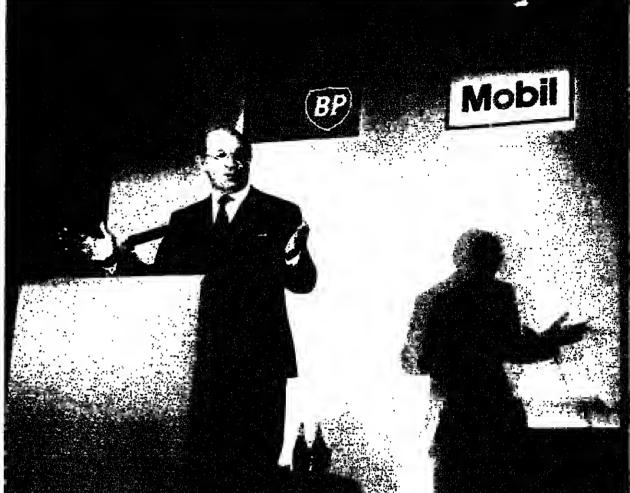
Sir David Simon, BP chairman, denied that there would be any problem combining the

different company styles. It is not yet clear where exactly the job losses will fall but they are expected to be among the combined non-service station workforce of 17,500. BP has a total world-wide workforce of 56,000 and Mobil 50,000.

BP will operate and have a 70 per cent interest in the fuels partnership which will run activities ranging from refining and manufacturing to petrol station forecourts, all of which will be branded in BP green and carry the joint venture mark, to include Mobil's logo. Mobil will operate and take a 51 per cent interest in the lubricants arm.

The far-reaching nature of the partnership underlines the downstream problems in the oil industry which show no signs of receding. The over-capacity and squeeze on margins in refining are legend and all the oil majors have warned that the problem will continue as new plants continue to be built in regions such as the Far East. As recently as last month BP

said it would sell or close three big refineries in Europe and the US. John Browne, chief executive, said then that BP would retain only those plants that were among the top 25 per cent



Happy marriage: BP chairman Sir David Simon rejected talk of a clash of cultures

Photograph: Jane Baker

The big players in Europe
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1183 374 340 27 0 308 00 McKeine 1984	most efficient in a given region. Mobil closed a refinery in January last year and Shell re- cently suggested that it may be forced to cut its European ca- pacity by up to one third. The	Both BP and Mobil pointed out that they have already tak- en the action they believe is needed to balance their refun- ing portfolio. Mr Noto said: "Let me say clearly that this	is U W Is
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y to increase pressure on Shell, spair or desperation. It is based which is perceived as being too slow in taking firm action to resolve the capacity problem.

on opportunity. Both companies have taken significant strides to be more profitable. But the fact is we are not satisfied."

i nere has been little respite for the oil majors on the forecourt, with petrol price wars raging throughout the UK. The batde

kets are already entrenched and taking substantial market share from traditional outlets. In mid-January Shell and Esso shook the retail market by cutting prices, underlining the growing backlash by the big oil companies against cut-throat pricing at the supermarket - now acis expected to spread to the rest of Europe where the hypermar-of the market in the UK.

Analysts welcome the headline savings figure but they will he seeking answers on the eftect of the alliance on longer term profitability. With the precarious state of stream markets and uncertainty over how far and deep the industry's rationalisation may go, the view is that this could be anybody's guess.

GEC' says BAe PAUL WALLACE and DIANE COYLE

RUSSELL HOTTEN

Dick Evans, chief executive of British Aerospace, yesterday dampened speculation about an alliance with GEC with a public denial that the two companies where in strategic talks.

The two defence groups regularly discussed projects in which they were both involved. "but there are not structural talks of a fundamental nature." Mr Evans restated that BAe

would seek more partnerships, but these were likely to be in the context of pan-European con-solidation to compete with the giant US defence groups. BAe, which yesterday re-

ported pre-exceptional profits up 95 per cent to £330m, has been negotiating with French and German defence groups to reduce overcapacity in Europe. Mr Evans welcomed last

week's announcement by France to restructure its defence industry as paving the way to-wards further integration. But he said BAe was not interested in creating a "fortress Europe" in the industry. "The Europeans are simply trying to speak to Americans on equal terms." He would not give details on any potential partnerships or

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their timetable. "National, political and economic hehaviour will determine the type of partnerships that BAc will seek. The industry is in a major state of

Mr Evans was speaking after the release of BAe's annual results which he said reflected the successful strategy of focusing on core defence and aerospace

Defence operations saw a profit before interest of £487m compared with £412m in 1994. The results also showed an improving trend at Airbus and lower losses from commercial aircraft, down from £156m to

£118m before interest. Mr Evans said: "The regional jet market continues to improve and I would expect this division to break-even by 1997."

Airbus, in which BAe is a partner, had not yet decided whether to go ahead with build-ing the AXXX large aircraft. BAe was interested, nor had it held discussions, about raising its stake in the European con-

sortium at this stage.
Mr Evans also ruled out suggestions that BAe might go to the aid of the failed Dutch aucraft manufacturer, Fokker. Results, page 20

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'No talks with | Trade gap narrows to £550m

Britain's trade balance was better than expected in December as a result of the first surplus with the rest of the EU for more than two years. This followed a sharp decline in imports from Europe; the deficit with the rest of the world increased in January.

The trade figures came as the European Commission published figures showing that the inflation rate in January was 3.2 per cent, compared with the figure of 2.8 per cent on the gov-ernment's preferred measure of RPIX - the retail price index

minus mortgage interest. Chancellor Kenneth Clarke dismissed the figure as partial and said that the real picture was much more encouraging than

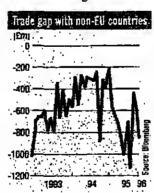
that. Even so, the new interim measure, designed to assess countries' progress towards the inflation qualification for entry into EMU. left Britain missing the target - which must be no more than 1.5 per cent higher than the three best performing countries. In January, the best performer was Finland (0.8 per cent) and the Netherlands was third best, with 1.3 per cent. Britain is challenging the methodology used to compile

the new European statistics. The overall trade deficit of £557m in December surprised the City which had been anucipating a deficit of about £900m. The surplus with the EU was the first since August 1993 an improvement mainly attributable to a 2.6 per cent fall in imports from other EU members. Exports fell 0.4 per cent.

lower stockbuilding, as manufacturers strove to shed excess inventories. The 9 per cent fall in manufacturing investment in

The 3 per cent fall in imports of semi-manufactured goods suggests that the underlying

trade position was flauered by



the final quarter of 1995 was reflected in a drop of over 4 per cent in capital goods imports The deficit with countries outside the EU, for which information is available earlier. worsened by almost £300m to £890m in in January.

Over the year as a whole, the trade gap was £11.6bn, compared with £10.8bn in 1994. The balance was helped by an oil trade surplus of £4.3bn, the highest for 10 years.

Separate figures showed that new consumer credit rose by £549m in January compared with £827m in December. This brought the annual growth rate down slightly but it remained a rapid 13.1 per cent in January. The smaller than expected rise led City analysts to conclude that nothing new stood in the way of a further cut in base rates.

ers which are forcing it to buy

The completion of the

Shareholders threaten Park Lane deal

MATHEW HORSMAN

Angry small shareholders in Park Lane, the London luxury hotel, were last threatening to fight an agreed bid by management and senior shareholders to sell the property to ITT-Sheraton, the US hotels group, for £44.5m.

"They are selling the lamily silver on the cheap." said John Hanson, who represents a family trust holding 10 per cent of Park Lane, and who claims to speak for small shateholders with an additional 4 per cent of

Mr Hanson claimed the company had rejected offers of up to £113m for the hotel in recent years, and said a more realistic. alue would be around £70+80m.

"This is a luxury hotel, and should fetch a better price." Mr Hanson said. "The current management are just cutting and running. Shareholders representing

72 per cent of the company have iven their irrevocable support to the offer, according to a statement by ITT Sheraton.

The Park Lane was built in the 1920s by a group of Yorkshire families, whose descendants continue to own it. It was previously listed on the 4.2 market. which was wound up last year.

The offer equates to about £145,000 a rixin for the 311room hotel. The Ritz was re-

cently sold for about £575,000

As part of its unsuccessful defence against a £3.8bn hid by Granada, the media and leisure company, hotels group Forte issued a revised valuation suggesting an average of about £285,000 a 100m.

There was speculation yes-leiday that ITT Sheraton planned to convert the hotel, in the Maylan district of London. into a casmo, in light of the Govenument's planned relaxation of gamine laws.

Last month, the US company baught the Sheraton Skyline hotel at Heathrow Airport. which it had been managing.

Daniel Weadock, ITT Sher-

aton's chief executive, said in a statement: "This strategic blend of acquiring premier hotels in key markets, opening new hotels in markets where it is advantageous, and broadening our base of managed hotels demonstrates our goal to expand our base of leadership in

gateway cities." The sale, even at £45m, encouraged analysts that the hotel market may not as affected as feared by the resumption of bomhing by the IRA. They said the sale was a boost to Granada, which is aiming to sell as much as £2bn of assets to pay down debt following the

takeover of Granada. Market report, page 22

IT'S GREAT WORKING IN A MODERN OFFICE. ISN'T IT?

THE OLIVER & CLAIRE STRIP

Gas connection to Europe gets approval Conoco, Amerada Hess and about £1.5bn related to con-

Industrial Correspondent

Plans for a £500m gas pipeline connecting Britain to mainland Europe took a large step forward yesterday with planning permission for the landing site at Bacton on the Norfolk Coast. The pipeline, in which British

Gas has a 40 per cent interest. is regarded as vital if the UK is to resolve the problem of massive over-capacity which is

squeezing the company. Bacton will be home to the gas compression station at the UK end of the pipeline. The con-sortium, which includes eight other companies including BP,

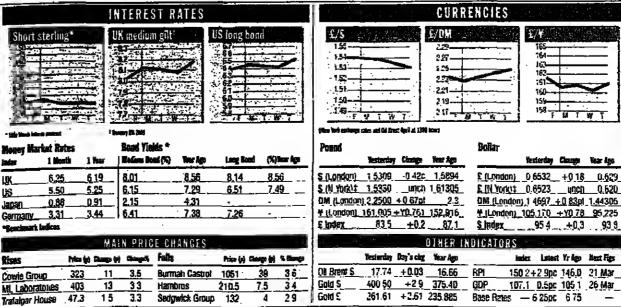
National Power, hopes to export tracts with North Sea producthe first gas in October 1998. The planning permission much more gas than it can sell.

from the North Norfolk District

The completion of the

Council is a boost to the for-

pipeline will coincide with the lunes of beleaguered Brilish opening of the entire domestic Gas, which continues to be market to competition, which dogged by controversy. The starts with a trial in the Southcompany faces liabilities of west in April this year. CURRENCIES E/DM



THE INVESTMENT COLUMN Edited by Magnus Grimond

BAe keeps clear of black holes

British Aerospace : at a glance

That British Aerospace produced ansitil does not reflect the progress so far. rice fields in the North Sea and an in-other set of dull and predictable results. With all divisions now showing im-terest in the Malacca Straits in further exploration: Lasmo plans 10 write-offs it was comforting to see figures that for a second year running did long-term bet. not contain horror stories.

A rise in arms sates, improvements at Airbus Industrie, and another welcome cut in losses from the regional jets business meant pre-tax profits before exceptionals leapt to £330m from a restated £169m in 1994, Including charges, the profits rose to £234m from a figure of £208m, which was confused by a complex web of one-off losses and gains from the sale of Rover and aerospace restructuring eosis.

Defence reported a pre-interest profit of £487m against £412m in 1994. A 2.4 per cent improvement in margins to 11.4 per cent, on sales that were slightly down at £4.25bn, underlined the success in reducing costs. New business kept the total military order book at £9.7bn, the same level as 1994.

On the commercial acrospace side, the area that almost tipped BAe into the abyss four years ago, operating losses were cut to £118m from £156m in 1994. The improvement was all the more creditable because the group was forced to fight for orders for Avro and Jetstream business at the expense of margins.

Profitability at Airbus also improved, though the European consortium is facing very tough competition from Boeing and there are worries about the amount of money BAc would contribute (or a new Airbus jumbo jet. BAe was adamant vesterday that it would not enter any project that threatened to increase its cost base. Yet some investment in a larger Airbus is inevitable if the aircraft maker is to keep up with Boeing.

BAe's massive restructuring of noncore assets had reduced the company's net worth to £870m in 1994, from more than £2.6bn in 1991. The forthcoming flotation of the Orange mobile phones operation should see the residual 23 per cent stake marked up from near zero to between £550m and £570m in BAe's halance sheet. The group now looks well on its way to rehulding the books.

The final dividend was something of a disappointment. The city was hoping for an 8p final rather than yesterday's 7.5p. This brought the total to 12.5p. up 25 per cent, on earnings per share 116 per cent ahead to 48.8p. BAe's policy these days is to keep dividend cover at three times over the longer term. Despite its recent recovery, the share price, up 1p to 870p yesterday,

yesterday is, perhaps, no had thing, provement, and further scope for cost-After years of financial black holes and cutting and consolidation in the

Lasmo is leaner after the escape

rival Enterprise Oil in the middle of 1994 has had a galvanising effect on the management. The housekeeping measures introduced following the failure the turn of the year, pays tax at 33 per of the bid are already reaping henefits. of the bid are already reaping henefits. as yesterday's figures for 1995 show.

Net profits for the 12 months to December came in above expectations at £34m, reversing the previous year's loss terday confirm that Lasmo and its partof £3m. That was a very respectable result, even after taking account of the massive £24m hid defence costs which depressed the 1994 figures. Lasmo suffered a 5 per cent drop in production to 164,000 harrels a day of od and gas last year as it sold older, higher-cost production assets. Last year saw the disposal of stakes in the Forties and Beat-

Five-Year record

Oividends per share (pence)
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Indonesia. More recently a couple of elderly Canadian fields have gone.

But, along with overhead cuts, Lasmo's portfolio tidying has brought it very close to its target of £3 a barrel operating costs by next year. After shaving a further 7 per cent in 1995, they now stand at £3.17.

Although improving on that will get rogressively harder, unit costs will be further reduced by higher production, Lasmo's escape from the clutches of its set to rise to 185,000 harrels a day this year and 210,000 in 1997, and the advent of lower-cost fields. Liverpool Bay, for instance, which came on-stream at

in mature North Sea fields. But the excitement in Lasmo lies elsewhere. Test results released yesners in the Hassi Berkine fields in Algeria have the makings of a massive oil and gas reserve.

The five discoveries there to date suggest a reserve potential of 1.5 hillion harrels, with Lasmo's share put conservatively at 82 million barrels or 11 per cent of its total reserves. The eventual figure could be at least dou-

Share price

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In the meantime, the shares, down 4p at 184p, still stand at a discount to the 200p net asset value put on them by house brokers NatWest Markets.

further exploration: Lasmn plans 10

been run up recently on renewed takeover speculation. Shell looks an ob-vious predator. As one of the world's

largest natural gas groups, Lasmo's Indonesian and Algerian assets have

Meanwhile, the share price has

wells this year.

obvious attractions.

Burford offers shelter

Nigel Wray is one of the whizz kids of the 1980s stock market boom whose investment reputation has survived intact into the recessionary 1990s. Burford Holdings, the property group, is a case in point. Since Mr Wray reversed his Chartscarch tipshect group into Burford in 1988, the shares have outperformed the rest of the index by 49 per cent, despite one of the worst property recessions since the war.

The record is impressive. Burford claims to have achieved a compound rate of increase in net assets of 106 per cent since 1987, a return which was heavily boosted by November's de-merger of the Trocadero group, owner of the eponymous leisure complex in London's Piccadilly.

The Trocadero was a classic Nigel Wray deal. It was acquired for £94m in the middle of 1994 having beggared two previous owners. The husiness is now valued at over £200m on Aim.

Excluding Trocadero, net assets re-maining with Burford showed a healthy 16 per cent rise to 104.3p last year. On the same hasis, profits before tax slipped from £14.7m to £11.7m in the 12 months to December.
With the £154m raised from the Tro-

cadero deal and other disposals, the group has £154m in cash, leaving it in a very strong position. The potential for something interesting may lie within the group of properties in London's Covent Garden acquired recently from Scottish Widows for £49m.

In the meantime, house brokers BZW expect profits to recover to £14m this year, with net assets climbing to 115p. The shares, unchanged at 107p, are a safe haven in a dull sector.

John Willcock CITY DIARY

An analysts' note full of sound and fury

of sound and fury, signifying nothin is as colourful if tendentious a summary of our research output as any we have seen recently, although to be fair there are at least two idiots involved." So wrote Philip Middleton and Charles Cade, analysts at Merrill Lynch, in a recent note on Edinburgh Fund Managers' pro-posed takeover of Dunedin:

Taking Macbeth as their in-spiration - "The Scottish Play on fund management?" - the pair quoted: "Doth it take away the performance?" Shakespeare's comments here refer to drink rather than fund management, and webelieve that the merger should tend to augment performance here.

Then on page four of the note they ask: "Stands Scotland where it did?" This has always struck us as a somewhat otiose question, in that it has remained resolutely north of England for some time now." Let's hope the traditional theatrical curse will not fall on the merger now that the Scottish play's name has been invoked.

SBC Warhurg continues to lose corporate financiers at a striking rate. Yesterday Nicholas Fry, formerly a senior director in the corporate finance division at SBC Warburg was poached by NatWest Markets to become its head of UK Corporate Finance. On the same day Stella Coulthurst, another di-

Bowlers, tuppers, felt hats, riding hats, tweed caps, panamas, - Christy, the Stockport-based hat maker, has been turning. nut such headgear since it was founded in 1773. Yesterday the firm was bought fur £3m by Priory Investments, a Londonbased company founded just six years ago to invest in middle sized businesses. Christy claims it is the unly company in the world which still makes the traditional English bowler and top hat, now enjuying a revival following the popularity of Four Weddings and a Funeral. The company is the official sup-plier of panamas to the British Olympic team this year, and is a great favourite of Geoff Boycott. More recently the company has expanded into the "fashion-led youth market", turning out Mr Men hats and beanie hats, knitted pull-ons and a



rector in the same department who had been with SG Warburg since 1985, left to join BZW.

Ms Coulthurst was recruited by Mark Seligman, now BZW's joint chief executive corporate finance, and himself a former Warburg director. With the recent defection of another hig cheese. Derek Higgs, to Prudential, does this mean that the Warburg corporate finance side is unravelling since the Swiss takeover?
"No", retorted an SBC War-

hurg source yesterday. While the bank would say nothing officially, the source said that suggestions of unravelling were "a tired, cracked record that stopped before

Christmas. There's no exodus

or flood. Just the normal flow of joiners and leavers."

A gaggle of economics writers from the national press demonstrated their gratitude to the Treasury's Andrew Hudson on his departure as head of the press office by feting him at London's famous Hungarian restaurant, the Gay Hussar, on Wednesday evening. Mr Hudson sustained his famous discretion till the end, sticking with nothing stronger than a white

wine spritzer or two.... The one thing he let slip to the hacks before his departure back to a policy job in the Treasury was the revelation that the press office had had to work hard to persuade. Kenneth Clarke not to appear

on Fantasy Football.

For the uninitiated, this is the late night television pro-gramme on footie with comelians David Baddiel and Frank Skinner, The Chancellor - a Nottingham Forest fan - thought it would help boost his man of the people image. The minders thought our beer quaffing, panalellapuffing jazz aficionado Chancellor was already man of the people enough...

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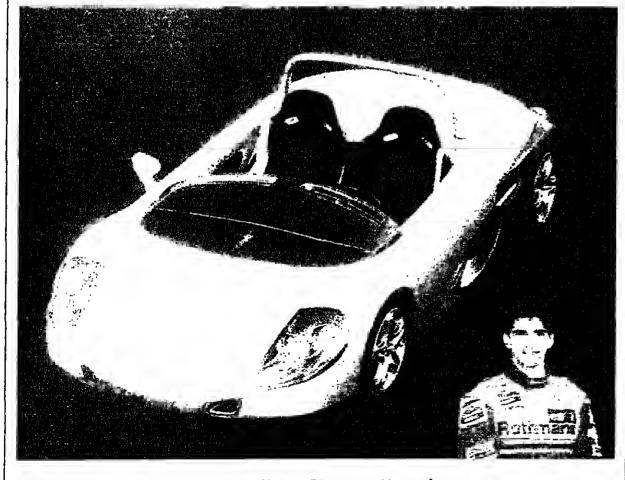
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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

MAI merger set to go through

MATHEW HORSMAN

The City was betting last night tween MAI and United News & Media would be passed overwhelmingly, on the eve of the deal's first close today. Shares in MAI, the nominal

takeover target under the merg-er's structure, closed last night at 411p, about even with the allshares offer from United at yesterday's price of 644p. Lord Hollick, MAI's chief ex-

ecutive, last night wound up a series of institutional briefings aimed at convincing a sceptical City of the mcrits of the pro-posed merger, which has been characterised as "defensive" by most observers.

"There are no great synergies tn be had here," said one analyst. "But in the absence of any other hid, it will go through."



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Lord Hollick: seeking to convince a sceptical City

Hopes that another media company would enter the fray have faded, particularly since last week's dramatic statement from Carlton Communications, Michael Green's TV and video services company, that it would

pre-tax profits next year of between £290m and £340m, acccording to analysts. The television and newspapers will unusually broad range of fore-generate any additional value.

vision and Meridian, along with United's Daily Express, the Sun- MAI has a 30 per cent stake.

day Express, the Star and mag- The merger marks the first atazines and regional newspapers.
They point to Lord Hollick's television and national newstrack record at huilding profits at MAI, and assume his role as the new Broadcasting Bill. Antrack record at huilding profits at MAI, and assume his role as

The combined companies, ments to United's range of which will have extensive television, magazine and newspaper new company will be Lord interests, are expected to post Stevens of United. : whether the combination of

casts is a reflection of City

doubts about the advantages of management rather than
the merger. Last year, there
were pro-forma operating profits of about £265m.

Analysts at Hoare Govett
are among the more optimistic. are among the more optimistic about the proposed merger, which would group MAI's two television licences. Anglia Telelosses the group will clock up following the lanuch of the new Channel 5 service, in which

The merger marks the first atchief executive of the merged laysts expect further activity in companies will hring improve- the sector.

Daiwa unsure of merger after \$340m fine

DAVID USBORNE

Daiwa Bank yesterday appeared to cast doubt on a merger with Sumitomo, its Japanese rival. Takashi Kaiho, Daiwa's president, said a merger was still one option, but he had no detailed ideas about such a link-up.

He was speaking a day after the hank was fined a record \$340m in the United States for concealing a \$1.1hn unauthorised bond trading loss from American regulators.

As a consequence of the bond trading scandal, which forced Daiwa to close all its opcrations in the US, the Japanese bank was believed to have accepted a merger with Sumitomo as a way out of its crisis.

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In accepting its punishment for covering up lange trading losses by a rogue bond trader over 11 years. Daiwa gave satisfaction to indignant US regulators and itself avoided a lengthy trial. Mr Kniho also said has pleaded innnocent to the Daiwa would be able to post prefits for current fiscal year ending 31 March.

Announced late on Wednes-

has strained US-Japan economic ties and cast doubt on the hank's very future. Daiwa shares rose on the news in

Tokyo yesterday. In the end, Daiwa, which sold its US operations last month to Sumitomo, pleaded guilty to 16 charges of covering up, conspiracy, falsifying books and obstructing examination of its books by US regulators. Until its plea, the bank had denied all the charges. the charges.

Had Daiwa held out, a high

profile criminal trial against it would have started on 15 April. A guilty verdict at trial, moreover, could have meant the hank paying a much larger fine, perhaps as much as \$1.3hn. All that remains to be done

in the affair is the sentencing of Toshihide Iguchi, the trader who has already agreed to his guilt in incurring the \$1.1bn loss, and the trial of the New York hranch's former general manger, Masahiro Tsuda, who charges against him.

The pleasure of the American government is evident. Mary Jo White, the US Attorney in Manday, the guilty plea in a Manhattan court brings to an end the whole humiliating mess that whole humiliating mess that

IN BRIEF **Hoare Govett boosts ABN Amro**

ABN Amro, the Dutch bank that owns Hoare Govett, beat expectations with a 14 per cent rise in 1995 pre-tax profits to just over £1hn. Chairman Jan Kalff said the group's investment banking operations had been the prime engine behind profit growth last year. Hoare Govett has been expanding vigorously, taking on 50 more people, and bonuses next week are expected to reflect a good year. Hoare Govett was involved in five of the seven top UK deals in 1995.

Computer company in Centregold talks

Eidos, the computer game company has confirmed it is in talks which may lead to an offer for Centregold, the troubled video games publisher whose shares were suspended last month. Geoffrey Brown, the former maths teacher who floated Centregold in 1993, has undertaken to accept an offer of 40p per share for his 29 per cent stake. This values his holding at £5m and the company at £16m.

Willis Corroon hit by £36m provisions

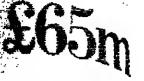
Insurance broker Willis Corroon yesterday announced provisions of over £36m to cover the costs of slimming its UK underwriting operations and pulling out of surplus property. The group said it will take 20 years longer than the originally planned 15 years to exit fully from all underwriting obligations. It announced a 38 per cent rise in pre-tax, pre-exceptional profits to £79m. Costs were reduced by £28m in 1995, with a further £10m-plus reduction expected this year. Chairman John Reeve, who joined Willis last November from Sun Life Corp, said the insurance industry globally was inefficient and ripe for the introduction of modern technology.

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British Aerospace (F)	5.74bn (6.35bn)	234m (208m)	48.8p (22.6p)	12.5p (10p)
Berford Hidge (F)	34.4m (27 4m)	11.7m (14.7m)	3.04p (4.26p)	1.95p (1.75p)
Contile Group (F)	1be (928m)	55 Bm (43 Bm)	26.8p (22.6p)	10.4 p ()
Lastmo (F)	637m (646m)	34m*(-3m*(1.6p (-2.4p)	1.25p 1.25p)
Life Sciences (F)	205m (178m).	20.7m (28.4m)	7 Sp (10 Sp)	4.4p (4.4p)
Serco Group (F)	-323m (260m)	15-2m (12-5m)	15p (12p)	4.7p (4p)
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Rail link could succeed where Eurotunnel failed

At last. Richard Branson seems finally to not be paid until well into the project's constant got something. The national lottery? No chance, Channel 5? Come off it. The high speed Channel tunnel rail link? Well, alright then, but only as part of an eight member consortium with Virgin in a subserviant position to the City investment bank, SBC Warburg. The real question, bowever, is not so much whether it was Mr Branson or others that secured the project for London & Continental, as just what the consortium has actually won. Post the Eurotunnel disaster, there surely cannot be much of an appetite for privately financed projects with anything resembling a tunnel

attached to them, In the case of the high speed rail link, there are 26km of the things and that is not the only similarity with Eurotunnel. The proposed method of finance - deht sup-ported by a very sizeable stock market flotation - also bears a marked similarity. Nor do you need much of a memory to know that Warburgs was the bank which convinced a generation of bapless investors to sink their money into Eurotunnel, not just once, but

Enough scepticism, though. There are in fact a number of good reasons for believing that the high speed rail link might succeed where Eurotunnel failed. The first and most important is a whopping £1.5bn in Government and EU grants. Most of this is a capital grant towards the estimated £4bn eventual cost of the project. Though this will stock market.

comfort not available to Eurotunnel

The balance is in the form of deferred payments by the Government for use of the track by comuter trains - rental income, in other words. Add this to the revenue stream London & Continental will get from the one-third interest it inherits from British Rail in Eurostar, and the company aircady has a quite considerable guaranteed income. The idea is that this will be used as a way of guaranteeing to hankers that deht servicing and repayment obligations will be met. The guaranteed income will in some way be securitised. No wunder that even

"Hold on, this might actually work". · A further plus point is that there are no contractors in this consortium. True, Arup and Bechtel are closely related towards the bottom of the evolutionary chain, but as design engineers and project managers, they are also an entirely different species. With Eurotunnel, the contractors were allowed to write their own blank cheque. That won't happen this time round.

Eurotunnel-scarred bankers are saying,

Furthermore, Eurotunnel began tapping the equity market before it knew in any detail what it was supposed to be build-ing. In this case a detailed design and engineering plan involving expenditure of up to £250m will be completed before a penny's worth of equity is raised on the

All good reasons, then, why the high Monks' words as the smoking gun of respect rail link, the largest project so far to editivist trade unionism lurking behind stake. Luhour needs to do a lot more work on the have emerged from the Government's ori- holding rhetoric. vate finance initiative, might work. Even so, it is going to require all SBC Warburg's powers of persuasion to close the credibility gap - the more so since it is equity investors, rather than bankers, who this time will be expected to provide the bulk of the finance.

Stakeholding is a dangerous slogan

Tony Blair may have stirred up more than he hargained for when he pinned New Labour's colours to the stakeholding mast. In a speecb vesterday, John Monks, general secretary of the TUC, interpreted this woolly concept as an open door to winning new employment rights. Speaking at a con-ference organised by the Commission on Public Policy and British Business, Mr Monks added fuel to the debate by arguing that stakeholding could only be built "on a floor of employment rights." He used the occasion to argue for a new industrial relations settlement based on new employment rights for individual employees. These would include, for example, the right to be 'the as their only real sanctions. Reforms consulted about major changes in a company through democratically chosen representatives; and the right for unions to be recog- lutions more frequently than the AGM. nised when a majority want it. Rest assured. the Tory party machine will demonise Mr may make for good soundhites for Tony

However, it was some less predictable voices at the conference which should give Mr Blair real food for thought about the possible dangers of his new umbrella slogan. olin Mayer. Professor of Management Studies at Oxford University, drew a contrast between the more rigid economic structures of the stakeholding countries of Europe and the greater flexibility that came with the Anglo-Saxon model of shareholder capitalism. He warned that we could be leaping onto the stakeholder handwagon at the very moment when technical innovation made flexibility particularly

important. Another perspective came from Matthew Gaved, a specialist on corporate governance at the London School of Economics. He argued that the real problem with share-holder capitalism in the UK was not one of excessive power hut of impotence. Big fund managers like Hermes and M&G complained they were next to powerless when trying to influence the management of a poorly performing company. That left exit the sale of their shares - or a takeover hatwere needed to allow shareholders to evercise their voting power on their own reso-

The slogan of the stakeholding economy

policy if it is to be taken seriously as a solution to the vexed problem of corporate govemance in Britain, let alone the still more amhitious task of improving the performance of the economy.

BP attempts to crunch the customer

he last one out switches off the lights. 1 The rationalisation of great swathes of European industry continues apace with BP and Mobil merging their European downstream activities in a deal which, competition authories allowing, will almost certainly prove a trend setter. Where's it all going to

In theory, the relentless drive towards lower costs in industry and commerce. should result in lower prices. If the market is doing its job as it should, the consequent savings flow into new industries, new technologies and ultimately new johs. But it is not altruism alone which drives husinesses into these huge, rationalising mergers. The motivation is as much about market power and dominance as anything else. Don't be fooled. Competitive pressures may be the immediate cause of the BP/Mohil get together. By becoming number one in Europe, or close to it, however, the ultimate idea is to crunch the customer.

£500,000 for sacked Exchange chief



Slanging match: Michael Lawrence (left) and John Kemp-Welch have given MPs very different versions of events

JOHN EISENHAMMER Financial Editor

Micbael Lawrence, fired as chief executive of the London Stock Exchange in early January, agreed a payoff of just un-der £500,000 yesterday, as an official inquiry into the Exchange looked set to turn into

a public slanging match. The pay-off was well below initial expectations, given the manner of his removal, sources said. Mr Lawrence had opened negotations for over £1m in compensation for his dramatic removal from the £342,000 a year post.

Refusing to comment yesterday on the details, Mr Lawrence said: "I do not see this as a pay-off for failure, but one

Because of the abruptness of the confirmation that it would result in no change of policy, the Exchange is believed to have feared it had a weak hand in the

pay-off negotiations, and was expecting a settlement nearer

The Treasury select committee said yesterday it intends to recall John Kemp-Welch, chair-man of the Stock Exchange, to answer questions about the widely different versions of events leading up to Mr Lawrence's dismissal.

Interviewed by MPs on Wednesday, Mr Lawrence had accused Mr Kemp-Welch of stabbing him in the back, after giving in to pressure from a cabal of powerful market making firms which had mounted a coup to wrest back control over the Exchange.

Mr Lawrence said he believed be had the full confidence of the Exchange's board, and that there was no warning of his sudden demise, engineered by Mr Lawrence's dismissal, and a tiny fraction of the board's members.

Angered by these claims, it is believed that Mr Kemp-Welch will feel obliged to give more ex-

plicit details of the problems and difficulties associated with Mr Lawrence's management style. In his first highly fraught

hearing before the Treasury se-leel committee, Mr Kemp-Welch had told MPs that Mr Lawrence's departure had been preceded by a steady crosion of confidence in the chief executive's ability and his manage-

Sir Thomas Arnold, the Conservative chairman of the Treasury committee, said yesterday: "Michael Lawrence said some very strong things, and we feel Mr Kemp-Welch should be given the opportunity to respond." Referring to the different versions of events, Sir Thomas said: "So what is it all about? We need to know.

In their inquiry MPs have been focussing on the powers of the market-making firms, which dominate the current share trading system in London as middlemen by offering huy and sell prices. MPs' have ques- a lot to look at here."

tioned whether the privileges accorded these market makers are anti-competitive, and therefore whether the way the stock exchang is run, if the allegations of market making dominance are correct, is itself anti-competitive.

The committee said it intends to call the Treasury to give public evidence on the matter. and will ask the Office of Fair Trading whether - in the light of the controversy - it wants to look again at the activities of the market makers.

The OFT may also be asked to give public evidence. "The key question taking shape in my mind is whether issues of the way the exchange manages itself also raise questions of competition." said Sir Thomas.

"One lot of players say the decision making at the Exchange flawed, and define those flaws, and another lot also says it is flawed, and defines the flaws completely differently. There is

IN BRIEF

Business Link problems 'isolated incident'

The problems at Business Link Merseyside that led to the suspension of two senior executives were "an isolated incident" which did not indicate widespread problems in the national network. the Department of Trade and Industry insisted last night. The Liverpool-based organisation confirmed that Peter Burns, chief executive, and Stan Patterson, finance director, had been "suspended as a precautionary measure" pending a review of oper-ations by accountants at KPMG. Deputy prime minister Michael Heseltine, who launched Business Links three years ago while president of the board of trade, would not comment.

Amex and Microsoft sign Internet deal

Microsoft and American Express have signed a licensing agreement for software allowing secure payments on the Internet. Online transactions with American Express cards will use Microsoft's version of the Secure Electronic Transactions protocol. This will provide encrypted communications worldwide.

SKB cuts 400 jobs across Europe

SmithKline Beecham, the drugs group, announced a major restructuring of its manufacturing network in Europe involving the loss of 400 jobs, the closure of five plants and the reduction in size of a further two. Two plants in France and others in Italy and Spain will shut. Those at Crawley in Sussex and Heppignies in Belgium are to be "downsized".

Fund manager find £20,000

Rea Brothers (Investment Management) was fined £20,000 yesterday by City watchdog IMRO for allowing overdrafts to occur on client accounts

Storehouse in £62m stores deal

NIGEL COPE

Storehouse, the Mothercare and BhS retailer, made its first acquisition since the era of Sir Terence Conran yesterday, paying Boots £62.5m for Childrens World, its loss-making out-of-

town store chain. There are 56 branebes of Childrens World - but the business has made only one mar-ginal profit since Boots first launched the concept nine years ago. Last year it made an operating profit of £500,000 on sales of £105m but has since

slumped back into loss. Storehouse will change the name to Mothercare and gradually expand the range of toys and equipment such as prams

as well as bulk huys of disposable nappies. Five more stores are due to open this year. "We think we can make a lot of money out of it," the company said.

Storehouse plans to reduce costs by £5m which will include some job losses at the Childrens World head office in Nottingham which employs 137 staff. Storebouse will make a provision of £20m to cover the redundancies and other integration costs.

It is likely that Mothercare may resume its "Mothercare goes up to 10" offer in the out of town stores as there is more space to stock a wider range. Mothercare dropped the older ranges some time ago and bas been concentrating on clothes for children up to age seven.

There are 269 branches of Mothercare in the UK almost all on the high street. However, the company has recently opened three stores on out of town retail parks - at Fosse Park, Leicestershire, Cheshunt, Herts and Chelmsford in Essex.

Keith Edelman, chief executive of Storehouse, said: "The purchase of Childrens World enables us to speed up the pace of development and gives us out-of-town opportunities."

The deal was applauded in the City which could see benefits on both sides. Sean Eddie. retail analysts at NatWest Securities said. "It is one of those rare hirds where everyone is a winner. It is earnings cuhancing on both sides."

Boots bas removed a longrunning dud from its portfoilio and achieved a better-than-expected price. Storehouse has picked up a chain of 50 good out-of-town sites which is a rare opportunity given current planning restrictions on out of town

The deal gives Boots the op-portunity to concentrate on its core business. However the company has still to come to grips with other under-per-formers. Do It All, the DIY chain is still losing money and is unlikely to attract a buyer. Fads and Homestyle are also

struggling.
Boots shares closed 5p higher at 594p. Storehouse also finished 5p up at 310p.

▶ Group assets under management increased over the year by almost £6bn 10 £44bn with total new premiums amounting to just over £2bn. ► Standard Life is exceptionally strong financially - with a 'Triple A' rating from both Standard & Poor's and Moody's - and is more than able to finance all likely future developments whilst retaining its mutual status.

better returns to its policyholders than a proprietary company which must be run primarily for the benefit of With profit policyholders continue to receive excellent

It therefore has no plans to demutualise believing

strongly that a well-run mutual company should provide

Group development continued with -

-a branch office opened in Frankfurt and distribution agreement signed with Germany's largest life broker,

- a joint venture agreement signed with one of India's premier financial institutions in anticipation of the opening of the marketplace in that country,

- a Representative Office in China opening in Shanghar later this year.

United Kingdom

 Whilst business flowing from the tie with the Halifax ceased. business from other sources increased in a difficult market.

 Continued Interest from overseas companies in acquiring UK insurers is likely to keep in business a number of companies which might otherwise have left the market.

 Standard Life is pleased that a consensus is emerging that the regulation of the financial services industry requires

 Guidelines on corporate governance were issued to the Chairmen of the FTSE 100 companies.

Highlights from

Standard Life's Annual Report

and Accounts for the year ended

15 November 1995

 The flow of funds into stocks and bonds, fuelled by the slowdown in the North American economy, contributed to excellent returns from the financial markets.

 A new range of group savings and retirement products was well received and considerable success was achieved in the individual savings and retirement markets.

Overall new husiness was at record levels.

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Whilst demand in general has shifted from traditional product lines, sales of pension products has remained strong.

Investment in the infrastructure supporting its Irish operations has ensured that the Company can meet the needs of its customers now and in the future.

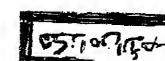
Spain Premium income increased substantially and further

branches were opened across the country. During 1996, Prosperity intends to acquire additional product licences and develop the means to extend its range of insurance and financial products.

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"Rolling Spot Forex" Business A message for investors

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US agrees to open-skies deal

DAVID USBORNE

Pressure was increased yester-day on Britain to settle its differences with the United States on finalising a new bilateral avianon agreement after Washington signed a sweeping liberalisation agreement with

the German government. The "open-skies" pact promises to end restrictions on passenger and cargo flights between Germany and the United States, granting the airlines of each country access to all destinations in the other and removing other restrictions on capacity, services and code-

sharing arrangements. It remains contingent, bowever, on the US government agreeing to grant immunity from fair-trading laws to Lufthansa and United Airlines. which plan to extend their already existing code-sharing partnership. Such immunity has already been extended to Northwest Airlines and KLM of the Netherlands.

"The new agreement will

open the skies over the Atlantic for German and US airlines and

guarantee them the leeway they

need to succeed on the transat-

lantic aviation market," said

hope to confirm the deal in time for a visit to the White House in April by the German Chancellor, Helmut Kohl Attempts by Britain and the

US to strike a similar open-skies deal have so far met only frustration. The European Commissioner for Transport. Neil Kinnock, is against member states negotiating hi-lateral packages, and wants a collective

The latest UK-US round of talks were aborted by the US side last autumn. A deal with Germany could harm Heathrow's position. Last month, the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, ap-

pealed for a quick resumption

of the talks with the United

Included in the deal, for example, is a provision to allow carriers to pick and drop off passengers at points beyond the US and Germany. Thus Germany could become a hub for flights by US airlines to Asia. German carriers, meanwhile, would be allowed to fly into the US from

other third countries. A separate "goodwill" pack-age will take effect almost immediately while confirmation of the full deal is pending. This will, for example, allow US airlines Germany's Transport Minister, to add 20 flights a day to its Matthias Wissmann. Both sides German schedules.

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SHARE SPOTLIGHT

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market report/shares

Sales beckon as peace prospects help boost Granada FT-SE 100 3727.6 -10:6 FT-SE 250 Granada could be near to clinching the first of the big self-offs promised during the furi-4215.0 -0.5 FT-SE 350

ous £3.8bn battle for Forte. The shares, weak since the 31,886 bargains

Although the peace initiative helped the shares, the main driving force was the prospect of asset disposals which Granada urgently needs to reduce its debt mountain. It is due to decide on a £122m offer from Regal Hotels for 67 of Forte's White Hart country hotels by this weekend. And there is also talk a deal has been reached over some of Forte's so-called trophy hotels, a portfolio which has attracted former Forte chief, Sir Rocco Forte. Granada could, however, find its 68

But the popular guess is a deal, possibly with Whitbread, over the Welcome Break chain of 26 motor way services areas. Granada, already owning

IRA bombing campaign cast 26 service areas, undertook to doubts about its ability to ex- sell the Welcome chain to ecute quick sales at realistic avoid monopoly problems. A prices, gained 19p to 727p. avoid monopoly problems. A price of around £290m is price of around £290m is thought to be likely.

For Whithread, a motorway purchase would represent some consolation for its failed £1.05bn offer for Forte's budget hotels and roadside restau-

The rest of the stock market endured a lacklustre session with the FT-SE 100 index losing 10.6 points to 3,727.6. Another poor performance by Government stocks, weighed down by weakness in European bond markets, undermined sentiment.

British Petroleum, on its

MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter

of the year

higher if sudden doubts about 224p. Olivetti, the Italian crude oil prices had not taken group, has agreed to sell 10.5 their toll. Lasmo slipped 4p to

184p. Burmah Castrol felt the impact of the BP/Mobil deal, falling 39p to 1,051p. Negative comments from ABN Amro Hoare Govett did not help.

Leisure shares continued to score from the proposed relaxation of gaming rules. Stanley Leisure, the bookmaker, gained a further 16p to 435p and Bass, with the added advantage of planned longer pub opening hours, moved ahead

per cent of the capital to a US institutional investor. The deal will cut the Italian interest to spokesman said Olivetti had been "pressurised" by the American investor to sell part of its shareholding.

Memory Corporation, with system for revitalising defective computer chips, continued to express worries about today's results. The shares fell 38p to 332p. They have lost 70p this week.

If it does succeed in buying the stake, from Italian industrialist Carlo De Benedetti, it is expected to bid for the rest of the

Such an exercise would cost more than £2ba.

Yorkshire Electricity came in for another speculative run. gaining 12p to 754p. Sparking the latest interest were reports that at a US conference Thomas Boren, president of Southern Electric, the US group which has already con-quered South Western Electricity, talked of more UK buys with Yorkshire and Midland (up 4p at 394p) topping

In recent days Yorkshire has attracted determined buying from two US investment houses, Bear Stearns and Mer-

- a bid for the unquoted Park Kendell, the struggling Lane Hotel, two new issues and the rumoured Granada sale -

maintenance contract. the health care group jumped keypads to hotels to allow 15p to 111p, despite a near f8m guests to obtain comput-profit fail to £20.7m. The appropriate data, jumped 35p to pointment of Riccardo Pigli 260p. The shares were floated ucci as chief executive helped on AIM at 100p in December

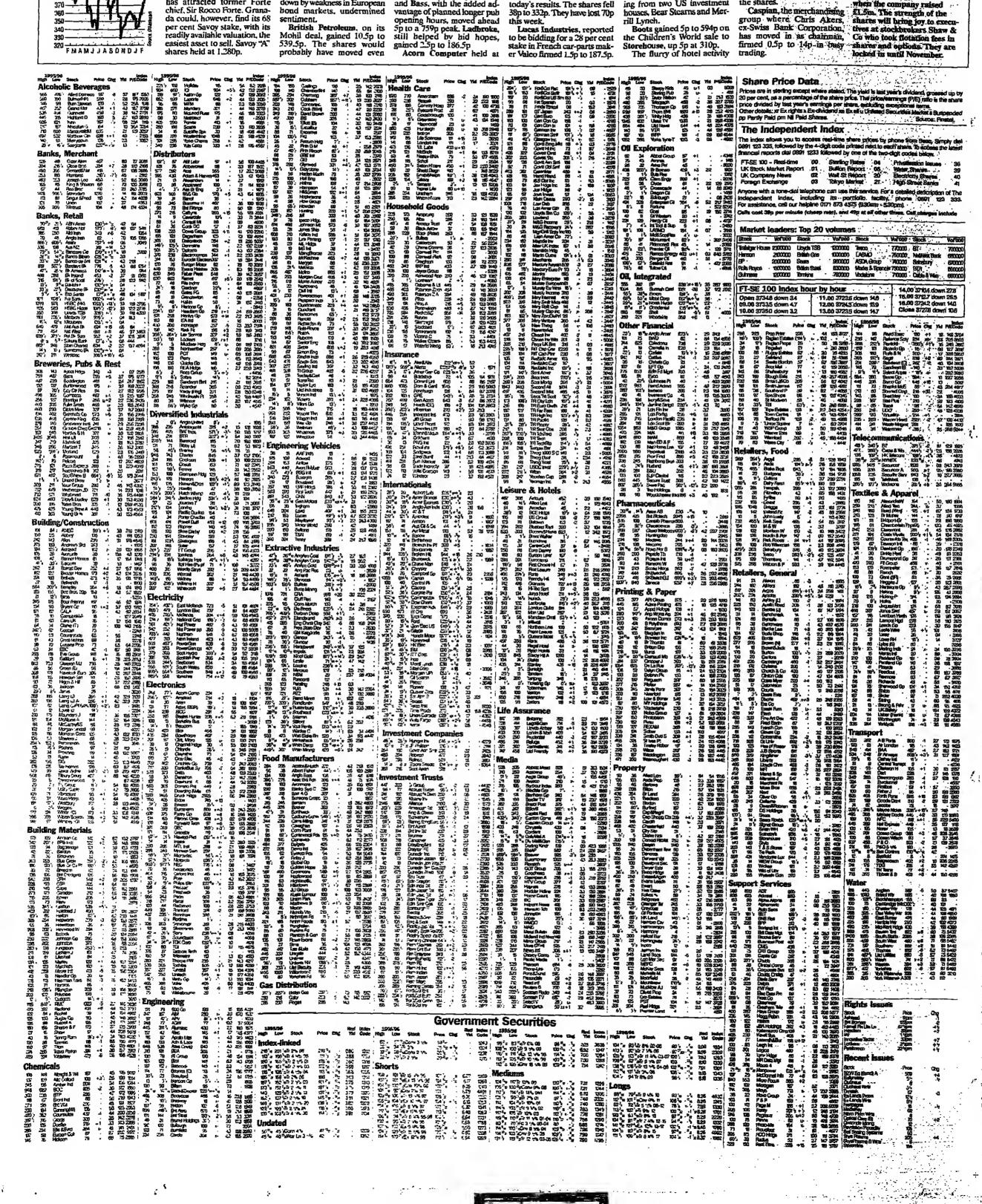
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Sir Ron must solve the 16-plus education riddle

Ask passers of in the street how much change they would get from a fiver for a sandwich costing £1.24, and one in six of them will have trouble working it out. According to the Basic Skills Agency, many adults bave serious literacy and numeracy problems.

But this is just the tip of the unskilled iceberg. Policy makers across the political spectrum agree that something needs to be done to improve the skills of the British workforce. The question taxing their minds most beavily at the moment is who should pay the bill.

Last week the Government announced that Sir Ron Dearing is to lead a review of the funding and structure of higher education, to come up with a better way to finance the expansion of universities.

Two days later it emerged that Labour had abandoned its long-standing proposal to intro-duce a training levy on all em-ployers who did not provide a critical amount of in-house training. Instead they are considering tax relief for individuals and employers who contribute to in-

dividual learning accounts.

The search is on for a fair and effective way to develop post-16 education. The current system fails on both counts. Many individuals do not acquire the skills that they and the economy need. Meanwhile the great-

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INDUSTRY VIEW

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est subsidy goes to high-earning graduates rather than lowskilled, low-paid people. Indi-viduals, businesses and society as a whole all gain from post-16 education. The question is how the cost of improving education should be split between the dif-

ferent beneficiaries. In a paper for the Centre for Economic Performance, economists Richard Layard, Peter Robinson and Hilary Steedman argue that businesses should

training levy was that it could not distinguish between general and firm-specific training. Firms that spent a lot of money on training staff to use unique technology would have escaped the levy, despite the fact that the skills they taught were useless in any

other employment.
Layard and others argue that employers already provide firm-specific training, and they should not receive any extra subargue that businesses should only pay for training when they are able to capture enough of expected to contribute to the

improve the skills of the workforce

every way - and equips them to get better jobs elsewhere - and the productivity gains are par-ticular to the firm and the tech-

and the state.

The academics may be right. Unfortunately little research has been done into the kinds of returns that employers get from training, or into the reasons behind their training decisions. What is clear, bowever, is that

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In a new paper for IPPR's Commission on Public Policy and Business, Steve Machin and David Wilkinson have analysed who receives training and who doesn't. In an examination of the Labour Force Survey they discovered that companies educate the well-educated.

In 1994 26 per cent of graduate employees bad received training in the previous four weeks, compared with 18 per cent of those with A-levels or equivalent, 13 per cent of those with GCSEs and 4 per cent of those with no qualifications at all. Moreover, firms train even when employees pick up considerable financial returns as well. Those same highly educated employees who are re-ceiving in-work training also pick up the greatest personal return from the courses they take.

This finding has several con-sequences for policy-makers. If individuals already bave good basic education or portable vocational skills, then firms seem ready to shower firm-spe-

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Two problems need to be rethe dole office, solved. The first is ensuring that everyone gets adequate basic educarion. And the second is finding an effective and fair way to fund the acquisition of additional portable vocational skills. obliged to contribute a certain

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Council Sir Ron Dearing: called in by the Government to study the structure and funding of higher education percentage of the payroll to-wards an individual education Ideally basic education should be provided by the

school system. But as long as it fails to do so, people also need access to courses at other stages in their lives. Unskilled individuals are unlikely to be able to afford the cost in advance, nor will they see buge wage returns afterwards, given that they are simply catching up with the ed-ucation others received courtesy Individuals who get the highest of the taxpayer. So the state will return should contribute most have to invest on their behalf instead. And given that there are fewer low-skill jobs available, in-

Another possibility is to force firms to contribute towards general education for unskilled employees. Advocates of Compulsory Learning Accounts argue that employers should be

vesting in the low skilled has the

added social benefit of keeping

them off the street and out of

fund for each member of staff. Firms will inevitably see contributions to general portable skills as another tax on employment. An alternative way to

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But the news is not all bad for

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boost to your earning power. It also confers access to further training and education throughout your life, so it seems rea-sonable that graduates should contribute to the education too. Eighteen-year-olds are rarely in ensure businesses contribute a position to stump up several to the skill base they benefit thousand pounds in advance,

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Academic education is one form

of portable skill. Other portable

Sir Ron Dearing will consider

riod makes perfect sense.

be just as useful for employees moving between jobs. But at the moment academic education absorbs all the state subsidy. while would-be bricklayers are forced to invest in themselves.

Politicians and policy-makers are right to be concerned about expanding and financing postto education. But they should not do so in a vacuum. Whether it be portable vocational train-ing, or higher education, the state should take a similar ap-

proach to each. Individuals who get the highest returns from their education should contribute most. Examining higher education in a vacuum will only produce more inequities and complications in the funding of post-10 education. Sir Ron Dearing's remit should be widened to consider everyone else's adult education too.



Something needs to be done to

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FIVE NATIONS COUNTDOWN: England's lineout may be Bristol fashion but some critics argue it is not ship-shape, says Tim Glover Wyer's Regan's targeting of Archer is on the line of the support of the year. The selection of Carath Archer is a gamble but at least to the line of the support of the selection of Carath Archer is a gamble but at least to the line of the support of the selection of players who have to protect him line out and the support of the selection of players who have to protect him line out and the support of the selection of players who have to protect him line out and the support of the selection of players who have to protect him line out and the support of the selection of the selection of players who have to protect him line out and the support of the selection of players who have to protect him line out and the support of the selection of players who have to protect him line out and the support of the selection of players who have to protect him line out and the support of the selection of the selection of players who have to protect him line out and the support of the selection of the sele

British Lions pair, with a combined weight of 36 stone and. if one were placed on the oth-inng" Regan his detractors have if one were placed on the othcr's shoulders, a height of 13ft 5in, were considered to be the most effective in the Five Na-

As England's uninspired season moves uncomfortably to another momentous match against Scotland tomorrow somewhere along the line, or more specifically the lineout, the game plan has gone hadly wrong. Following the defeat against France in Paris and the less than satisfying victory over Wales at Twickenham. Bayfield has been singled out as the player most responsible for the team's spectacular under-

achievement in the lineout. It is a primary source of possession, carrying more weight in the scheme of things than the scrum, and yet England's lineout has thus far been a disaster area. They play at Murrayfield without Bayfield, something that would have seemed in-

Regan has taken even more nicknamed him, on the grounds that he never strikes twice in the same place. Bayfield is 6ft 10ins but Regan has not been able to find him. The impression gained is that if you were picking a darts team. the Bristol hooker would be on the bench.

Jack Rowell has studied and re-studied the videos and if there is a missing link in the lineout it is not, in the England management's view, down to Regan. After the French fiasco Rowell telephoned Regan to offer some much needed solace. "He said that no-one was blaming me and that boosted my confidence a hell of a lot," Regan said.

He would have needed another help line after the Wales game. If the lineout was bad against France it was even worse against the Welsh. "All the crit-icism I've had is definitely unfair," Regan said. "There are three parts to a lineout: the hooker to throw the ball; the jumper who

decimed to he in safe at least it gives Mark Regan a and give him a clean shot at it. me. The whole pack has got to

tin Bayfield hit, barged and knocked all over the place and he suffered exactly the same against Wales. I threw two pretty had halls against the Welsh

Gareth Liewellyn The whole pack purists cring-20 fect in the air. has got to live What can I do about that? The in each other's next time I threw in I gave the ball pockets during a hit more air and it just went clean a game'

"We need to be a lot more street-

wise and we need to train against opposition. When we practised alone we looked fantastic. I put it up and Bayfield caught it every time but in a match it tended to sail over him so there was a problem there somewhere. He didn't seem to he jumping as high hut it's an area the whole team has been working at. We've had to huild

hands, it was the second-row partnership of Martin Bayfield and Martin Johnson. The Archer practice at Bristol.

In the last two games we haven't done particularly well.

"Against France I saw Marother. We have been playing by the laws and we've been punished. We've got to be stronger.

The lineout is always a jungle."
Fred Howard, the former international referee, believes the but I was just putting them in lineout is so shambolic it should the same place I ______ be abolished. "I

can sec the ing." Howard News," hut does committed spectator really want clean lineouts per match, as happened in England's first two games?"

The feeling is that in jungle warfare Bayfield, a policeman who is now described as a professional rugby player, was more a saint than a lion and that Archer, aggressive to the point of belligerence, will not be pushed around. The problem is that Archer, like Martin Johnson, is predominantly a front jumper. "It will be very interesting to see how he fares at number four," Brian Hanlon, Bristol's director

of coaching, said.
With Simon Shaw injured, Bristol have been playing Archer in the middle of the lineout. "Mark and Garath have been very effective at club level and their timing has been impeccable," Hanlon said, "They can dominate any game in the lineout. International rugby requires a higher level of confocused they can do the joh.

curate thrower who can hit the spot. It's just that sometimes I wonder whether he's been aiming at the right spot. Instead of throwing straight at his man he tends to throw down the middle of the lineout, giving every jumper a 50-50 chance. Against Wales Bayfield's ball was taken by Derwyn Jones and if Mark had thrown any higher it would have missed everybody. There was a problem over timing but if Bayfield ended up on his

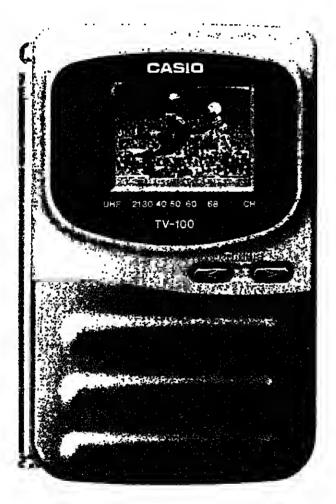
backside or being barged out, that is hardly the fault of Regan. Some critics think there may be a flaw in Regan's technique but considering that he has been merculously groomed for this role, a more plausible explana-tion is that he is suffering by com-parison to Brian Moore. No doubt there were many in the RFU hierarchy who were glad to see the back of Moore but Bay-field, for one, will have mourned his retirement. When it came to hitting the bull's eve, Moore was in the Eric Bristow class.

Regan, who is 24, is higger than Moore and 10 years younger. He was introduced to the game at the age of eight by the Keynsham club and in the England pecking order he has gone through the entire set menu: 16 age group, 18, colts, stu-dents, Under-21, emerging players and England A. He made his debut for England A in the 21-20 win over Ireland at Donnybrook last season and established himself as Moore's successor following a successful tour to Australia and Fiji in the summer. And, by profession, Regan is a fork-lift truck driver which, as it



"It was the best save I've made this season."

Ken Pringle, Carlisle.



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Glory of Scotland's unlikely advance

To hear Richie Dixon talking, you would think that the Scotland selectors sat down at the start of the season and calculatedly wrote off everything that came hefore the Five Nations' Championship as worth much only if it helped towards this

Hence, obviously, the awful performance in achieving a draw with Western Samoa which was treated as a defeat by players and followers alike. Hence, too, the equally des-perate defeat by the Italians of a team styled "Scotland A", but the full international side in

Mind you, this latter débade - its most pointed statistic being the 1-4 try-count - came only a fortnight before the just as canny as coach as Jim Telfer is as team manager, imagined that it foreshadowed a march all the way to the Grand Slam.

But if they achieved nothing else, these results lulled the rest of us into such a false sense of security that already Scotland have besten Ireland, France and Wales - so that when they play England at Murrayfield to-

other hand, you might just wonder how on earth the Scots have got this far. The manager, who has this season developed himself into a curious mixture of mascot and martinet, says Scotland were lucky to win both away games, in Ireland and Wales, and verging on the sui-cidal in the way they beat

word "disappointed" is a postmatch response to any eventuality - to which one can only championship opened and respond in turn that if he was surely not even Dixon, who is as disappointed as he said afrespond in turn that if he was ter beating the Irish, French and Welsh, he must have felt diabolical after drawing with the Samoans and losing to Italians. Unless he takes the amazing Dixon line that the first two matches were part of a grand design that was crucial in creating the following three

victories. In fact it was not like this at all. There was no devilish plot. play England at Murrayfield to-morrow the Grand Slam, Triple For one thing, Scotland have a Dixon: The great calculator Doddie Weir at lock.

Crown and Calcutta Cup, not forgetting the newish Five Nations trophy, all stand glittering before them.

To hear Telfer talking, on the other hand your might for them.

rugby - hefore Christmas. The 51-15 thrashing by New Zealand in 1993 was one such example, though perhaps more striking still was the 1994 equivalent when they lost 34-10 to South · Africa, because that preceded going three-quarters of the way to a Grand Slam in '95.

Then, the unlikely Scottish advance was finally halted at



en a flea in the ear by Brian Moore, now the ex-England hooker, for having the temeri-ty to stop Will Carling's boys playing the fast, loose rugby of which they liked to talk, and still do. How deliciously ironic that it should now be Scotland who have made a thrilling art form of playing fast and loose and function.
that it will be England's choice either to copy the Scots of last Italy, the need was not to de-

team to have become the rolemodels of the Five Nations. Indeed, you could argue that all Scotland's first two matches did was assist Telfer and Dixon in resolving who not to pick, though that was clearly no bad

Thus only eight of the team who faced Samoa in November survived to face Ireland two months later or England tomorrow. The subsequent 29-17 defeat in Rieti had three specifically beneficial effects in persuading the selectors to restore

After a calamitous build-up to the championships, the Scots They might have hoped for engage England as favourites tomorrow. Steve Bale reports but they could scarcely complain but they could scarcely complain about the other two. Having been restored for his goal-kick-ing. Dods has not kicked as many as he would have liked but has compensated with three of Scotland's five championship tries; Smith has been the single. most important forward in achieving the continuity necessary for the Scots' fluid rugby to

> year or this year.
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> Either way, it is a fascinating already had one, even if it had not been working – but to de-That this has transpired is poignantly demonstrated by the continuing relegation of Craig Chalmers and Gary Armstrong, Lions half-hacks both, to the replacements' bench.

> It has been said, not least by Telfer himself, that Scotland have been helped by the timetable of their fixtures; to start the championship with Ireland was preferable to starting with anyone else. But let us be fair at the time (and it is less than six weeks ago), the Scots Michael Dods on the wing, Ian . did not have a prayer wherever they went. How wrong we all were; how glad to be so.

JUST THE TICKET: a guide to what's on where for the sporting spectator PICK OF THE DAY

THIS WEEKEND/Fencing Men's World Cup épée

The British round of the men's epée World Cup, held this weekend in World Cup, held this weekend in Hendon, north-west London, promises to be the toughest since the last Olympiad. With the Olympic Games only four months away, many internationals are still com-peting for the last individual places and the London round is the penultimate qualifying event. Quentin Bernman, considered the most talented home product of his generation, leads the British team.

This weekend

TOMORROW

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Berniman, gained valuable expert-ence from years of training with the French squad in Pans before re-turning to his native Wates, Frence has entered a 13-strong team, in-cluding Franck Galewski from Ber-riman's former club, Le Chesney, Last year, Andt Schmitt beat his fellow German Michael Fleger, Both return this time together with the

return this time together with the rest of Germany's 1995 World championship team. ...

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Women's National Cup finels Barking and Dagerham v Shedfield, 3.30bm; Men's National Cup finel: London Towers v Shedfield. There
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MOTOCROSS: Shet Advance International Se-res (Swindon). Open practice in this fast round of three is at 9.30am, with the first of nine races in three classes at noon. Admission. £8 adults, £4 QAPs, children under-14 litte. For-

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NEXT WEEKEND

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cent to Centre. (Tel: 0181 T78 0331).

ROLLER HOCKET: European Cup Quarter-firisi first leg: Apex Herre Bay Unded, the Brush
chamoons, have reached the quarter-first stage
of the European Que, Esting on the Seaso Chamboans, RSC Unigen. As both cubs are ametur,
Herre Bay have a good chance of progressing over the two legs to meet professional oppossion in the sent-firsts. The match stars
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Dwyer's Cheltenham hopes hit by whip ban

Racing GREG WOOD

It is not a remedy that you will find in a medical textbook, but the sight of Alderbrook wirming at Kempton last weekend with someone else holding the reins - seems to have significaotly accelerated Norman Williamsoo's recovery from a shoulder injury. The champion hurdler's regular jockey will return to the saddle at Newbury this afternoon, and with less than two weeks left to the Cheltenham Festival, Williamson must try hard to forget the old saying that misfortunes come in

After his victories in the Gold Cup and Champion Hurdle last season, Kim Bailey's sta-the Champion Hurdle under hle jockey was expected to coosolidate his new position io riding's élite during the current campaign. So far, though, he has simply had plenty of time to catch up on his reading. A fall at Sedgefield in October left him with a brokeo leg, and during his first subsequent ride in Britain, on Eskimo Nel in the quency on Master Nova, runner Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury up by just a head to Baronet hauled him back into the sad-

right shoulder in a fall at the fifth flight.

when 11-8 favourite card's covice hurdle.

Cyrus the Great will be the vehicle as Williamson attempts to end his dreadful run of bad luck in the last race on today's card, a juvenile novice hurdle. "I saw a specialist last night and he was happy for me to return. Williamson said yesterday. "If the shoulder comes out again I will have to be operated on, but I'll just be trying to stay off the ground. I'm just having one ride and I might have a couple on Saturday. We'll just have to see how I get oo."

Williamson's luck was no better at the Festival two years ago, wheo a suspensioo forced him to watch Flakey Dove, one of Mark Dwyer. This year, however, it is Dwyer who will be a spectator oo the first day at Cheltenham, after he was banned for three days 9.11 and 12 March, by the stewards at Nottingham. The officials decided that Dwyer had used his to hit the deck when his mount whip with unreasonable fre-

in February, he dislocated his when 11-8 favourite for the

"I woo't appeal as there's no point," Dwyer said later. "It's the first time I've ever been in trouble over misuse of the whip in Britain, though I have been suspended twice in Ireland. It was disappointing not to get just two days as it was my first offence over here and that would have meant not missing the first day of Cheltenham.

Chris Pimlott, Dwyer's agent, said: "At this stage he did not have a confirmed Champioo Hurdle mount. It would have been much worse if this ban had affected the other two days of the Festival when he has some really good rides.'

A jockey in a better mood was Andrew Thornton, who rode a winner at Ludlow and avoided considerable embarrassment in the process. At the 14th fence in the handicap chase, Thornton's mount Maamur and Tony McCoy, riding Rectory Garden, jumped to-gether, but McCoy seemed sure made a bad mistake. Thornton, though, reached scross and

die. "Tony was going out of the back and side door," Thornton said, "And he needed something to grab hold of. It was funny, but it wouldn't have been if he'd beaten me

Master Oats beat 14 rivals in last year's Gold Cup, but one trainer at least is hoping that rather fewer runners go to post for this year's renewal. General Rusty has not run since his success in the Charisma Gold Cup at Kemptoo in mid-October and his official rating does not put him within three stones of One Man, but unlike many of the other entries, Charlie Mann's chaser is a confirmed lover of fast ground.

"We will leave him in the Gold Cup just in case it is fast," Mann said yesterday. Then the likes of Master Oats, Monsieur Le Cure and Imperial Call would come out and it might become just a five or six runner race. It's a long shot but you oever know."

In fact, with clear skies over much of Britain and the track at Cheltenham untouched since early December, the odds on Mann getting his wish are short-

Cigar's heat subsides to allow training

Cigar's trainer, Bill Mott, be-lieves that America's Horse of on Wednesday due to heat in March. wood Gold Cup and the Pacif-ic Classic, provided each event 1995 will be able to resume training tomorrow after hruising his off-fore foot in Florida

progress since the setback but making the Dubai World Cup

NEWBURY

3.30 MISTER ODDY (nap)

2.00 Sir Leonard

2.30 Tartan Moss 3.00 Bells Life (nb)

SIS RACING

the affected hoof.

Mott has expressed the oeed to get at least two pieces of work into the horse before 15 March Cigar has made good in order to have any chance of

4.00 Colonel Keily 4.30 Fantastic Fleet

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ARDINGTON 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS C)

BETTING: 9-4 Str Leonard, 5-2 Monicasman, 5-1 Just 'N Ace, 10-1 Judicious Norman, 12-1 Roves

1995: no corresponding meeting.

NONICASMAN is heading for the Cheltritham Festival, but Simon Sherwood will not join the party with Sir Leonard, whom he considers a future chassing star. The pair had a good old battle at Sandown a fortugalt ago with Sir Leonard, getting 4th, holding on by a length and a half. They meet at level weights this time and Monicasman, who dran't help his cause by Righting the second-last, should come on a bundle for that first outling since his Cheltenham an in October, fifth to Darb Star in the Festival bumper last year. Monicasman should have the edge loday over Sir Leonard, whose previous Ascor run can be ignored because he came home lame after onching a foot, Rovestar his been shown to be short of speed on three hundle runs – his latest behind Rightinamish here – and Solabium did nothing for the form at Haydock on Saturday. A win by Just's Aece will further boost his Kempton conquern Castle Sweet, while Ancy Turnett's pair are worth watching – Bhystic Courts shaping better than his position suggests at Lingfield, and newcomer Judicious Norman being a full-brother to Cab On Target.

2.30 RADCOT HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,750 added 3m 110yds Penalty Value £3,025

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SEE ENDUCH should be a certainty here on his latest 100-3 Kemitton win from Mole Board

SEE SNOUCH should be a certainty here on his latest 100-5 Kempton win from Mole Board and Seelan Cash. Winning that race from 38th out of the handcap left the assessor with no choice but to burne his rating up 30th so, in theory, he should write home today with just a 8th benalty, which is seven subfield by Jan Culloty's claim. A much lover who defed today's weight against Mobile Mersenger at Cheiston two seasons ago. See Enough can hit them again after that hard roce or Saturday. With See Enough sure to be at cramped odds, there is some each-way value to be had with Tartass Moos despite her showing hole on her eatopearance of Ascot 18 days ago. As she showed when beating Calin Glos in heavy ground a Towcester a year ago, Tartan Mcss gets a trip and that win continued the promise of ne cracking burmeer run at Cheltenham when she split Herdor and Buttercup Joe. Yes Main has gained his three wins this term on feat ground, However, he remains sum a winting weight and didn't run at all budly or the softer ground in the decent Ascot race with by Storm North. Presh Cholee is on the ungrade and defect 38th neen good stive when landing his become an at Forthwell 11 days ago. He has a further 6th penalty to currionne to div. but not's well regarded and finished third to the useful See More Business of Chepshot in November Foelis Like Gold has been in two stronger races since an unducky lest-night fall Maydock where he was rolding The Last Firing, who went on to win under a log weight at Nemocaste. Other Buthows's 7th Cammillo a help in this ground, Glowe A Cali is bock humbing, other a poor record over fences and he was a promising out with wins in the mud at Windows and Fontwell last term. Metal Obsess loves a test in the mid tuch has changed stables, while no novele Bulletins Bay will be suited by the two and significance. The Region Piper and last-ground winner Weight.

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ic Classic, provided each event

attracts at least six runners. Cigar is oo a winning streak ner of the Grade Ooe Donn

FORM SUIDE

BELLS LIFE makes plenty of appeal with the testing ground so much in his favour. And his heart is in the right place as demonstrated in a hurdle at Chepstow in December when he bear high raider New Co, who want on to will his next five races. Formerly successful for Noel Meade, Bells Life has been highly tried on three chasing attempts - the winners being Challenger du Luc, Jibber The (biber and Call & A Day - but he has been gasting each challenger du Luc, Jibber The (biber and Call & A Day - but he has been gasting each challenger du Luc, Jibber The (biber and Call & A Day - but he has been gasting each challenger du Luc, Jibber The (biber and Call & Day - but he has been gasting each challenger du Luc, Jibber The (biber and Call & Day - but he has been gasting each challenger du Luc, Jibber The (biber and Call & Day - but he has been gasting each challenger du Luc, Jibber The (biber and Call & Day - but he has been gasting each challenger du Luc, Jibber The (biber and Call & Day - but he has been gasting each challenger du Luc, Jibber The (biber and Call & Day - but he has been gasting each challenger du Luc, Jibber The (biber and Call & Day - but he has been gasting each challenger du Luc, Jibber The (biber and Call & Day - but he has been gasting each challenger du Luc, Jibber The (biber and Call & Day - but he has been gasting each challenger du Luc, Jibber The (biber and Call & Day - but he has been gasting each challenger du Luc, Jibber The (biber and Call & Day - but he has been gasting each challenger du Luc, Jibber The (biber and Call & Day - but he has been gasting each challenger du Luc, Jibber The (biber and Call & Day - but he has been gasting each challenger du Luc, Jibber The (biber and Call & Day - but he has been gasting each challenger du Luc, Jibber The (biber and Call & Day - but he has been gasting each challenger du Luc, Jibber The (biber and Call & Day - but he has been gasting each challenger du Luc, Jibber The (biber and Call & Day - but he has been gasting each challenger ing Challenger du Luc., Jibber The Ribber and Call it A Day – but he has been gaining ex-perience and taking on this company in a horiscap gives han a more redistic chance. Brandbehill Bluck is more exposed and its still inclined to make jumping errors, as he did at Chepstow last time. Statlemate General Cruck, a likely runner in Cheterbarn's four-miler and the winner of two linsh points, plus a hurdle in testing ground at Chepstow on his reappearence looks to have a better chance, Castle Court, in a strong race at Kempton after his War-wick win, is not badly handicapped even with 11st 10th, but George Lunder is preferred af-ter creditable seconds to King Lucifer at Northrigham and tibu Val at Folkestone-With Just 10st 8th, Ocean Lunder is the one Beils Jufe has to overcome. Miseather Paul may be found out in this league after his Folkestone vin and the others have a bit to find on what they have achieved so far.

	LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: Mrs M Revoley - 41 winners from 134 puncers gives a success ratio of #M.6% and a feet to a 5.1 level stake of \$2.4%; G Richards - 30 winners, 124 runners, 24 % + \$1.158; P Montelth - 21 puncers, 125 puncers, 10.7%, +\$16.44; M Hammond - 15 winners, 80 runners, 17.4%, -\$33.70. ■ LEADING JOCKETS: P Nover - 48 wins, 132 rides, 36.4%, +\$22.08; A Dobbin - 26 wins, 118 rides, 12.6%, +\$15.3%; S Storey - 25 wins, 150 rides, 15.7%, -\$34.64; M Maloney - 16 wins, 79 rides, 21.7%, -\$6.80. ■ CASE OF THE ACT SETUES OF SETUES SET	123458	3.30 GEOFFREY GILBEY HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,100 added 2m 1f Penalty Value £3,519 2.311/2 PENCEMAN (42) (D) (Sir Peter Gittings) Mrs O Herne 10 12 0 A Minghina 1f-100 JAMES THE FIRST (21) (D) (S.L Birness) P. Nichols 8 11 11 A P. McCory 11.3331, Mrs SER (0.00 V. (3) (D) Mrs Ni Hat D I Nicy (2) 11 11 (Ge) Mr J Callody (7) 111-005 BALLY PARSON (258) (D) (Git Acsty) R Defan 10 11 4 D Microtilli 322114 DEAR DO (40) (GF) (C.) Edwards In Herzberger 9 10 8 Mrs R Thormand 2-53000 Whiteperes (Design 120) F Tracis (C. Crais-Lienes 8 10 4 Mrs R Thormand
١	WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN OATS: See Enough (2.30) won at Kempton on Salar-	8	2-63000 WHIPPERS DELIGHT (13) (5 P Tracelly G Charles Jones 8 10 4
ı	day, Mister Oddy (3,70) won at Lebester on Tuesday, LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Ernest	7	221-534 HANDSOME NED (102) 04) Briggs 0 Grassel 10 10 0 D Morris
1	Aragona (2.00) has been sept 174 miles by Mrs S Langman from Louth, Uncoinshire; Pointer (7.00) sent 174 miles by Mrs N Dutfield from Asynouth, Devon.	M	- 7 declared - inlmum websit: 10st. True handicae weisht: Handsome Ned 8st 11fb.
١	Clarific Control of the Control of t		ETTING: 2-1 Peacement, 3-1 Mister Oddy, 9-2 Deer Do, 5-1 James The Picts, 8-1 Bally Parson, 20-

Minimum weight: 20st. True handican weight: Handsome Ned 8st 21fb.
BETTING: 2-1 Peacement, 3-1 Minior Oddy, 5-2 Dear Do, 5-1 James Tim Hist, 8-1 Bally Parson, 201 Whitppers Deligiet, Houseone Ned

With three front-numers in the field the race will be run to sust Dear Do, more at home on faster ground but a two-length second to James The First in the finul at Southwell last erm and now 1380 better off. An early mistake left from with a task at Asort last time and he fireshed fourth, a length and a helf behind MISTER ODDY in the race won by Northern Saddler. Dear Do is 4th better with Mister Oddy but Jeff Hing's fine jumper is the one to be on after a checky win from Santonus at Leloester on Tuesday. The selection was also declared to fun at Newborn Newborn is the stable's first proference, With Jim Outley to Jedning off 7th Mister Oddy will shoulder a similar weight boday and the way he travelled throughout the race, always looking the winner, suggests he's take the beating again under the 6th penalty. Also, Mister Oddy gave beer Do a trinstring at Lecesser a year ago at the weights are similar today. Peacement is another who hars from the from. He missed all of last visagon after winning three times as a rounce the previous Campaign and did nothing wrong after the layoff when caught by only Time Work! Wait at Namoton six weeks ego. But this will not be easy for time under 12st. James The First will like the ground and form Soddler. That pair had carrier finished in front of Mister Oddy iffice from 2 picc and Northern Soddler. That pair had carrier finished in front of Mister Oddy and James The First. Belly Panson is the other front-number here but faster ground and a longer trip is more bis game. er. Dear Do is 41b better with Mi ter Oddy but Jeff King's fine jumper is the one to b

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[4.00	PETER HAMER MEMORIAL HUNTER CHASE (CLASS H) £2,000 added 3m Penalty Value £1,590
1	377113	DUBIT (273) (R Winstade: R Winstade: 11 12 5 Miss & Victory (7)
2		STALL IN BUSINESS (297) (R G 4 Dams) P Satter 8 12 1
3	P33U46-	BANG ON TARGET (303) Light, Boners John Bowers & 11.9Mr A Farrest (5)
4	2-	COLONIAL KELLY (348) (Cookere) Cowing Rooms Mrs O Gressel 3 11 9.16 P Hocking (3)
5	0000/P-	NO JONER (333) (Browcer R W S Half N Gazzaer & 11 9
6	PO/FF3/	PACO'S BOY (569) (D) (F H 70%, P (37) 11 11 9
7	3605	WATSIDE BOY (724) @ 1 Caro 0 Caro 11 11 9
		- 7 declared -

BETTIME: 7-4 Still in Business, 12-4 Dubit, 4-1 Colonial Kelly, 8-1 No Joher, 12-1 Paco's Boy, 14-1 Barry On Target, Weyside Boy With similar form against the smart What 4 Hand, there is a good race in prospect between STELL IN BUSINESS and Colonial Keily. Both are fit after recent action and they are like-ly to cope with the ground better than Dubbl, who hasn't raced since June. Still in Business ly to cope with the ground better than Dauble, who hasn't reced since June. Still in Business as from the same year as What A Hand and rain a enable against that star performer at Larkhill a fortnight ago. Polly Curing, aboard What A Hand then, takes over on Still in Business, who won all four searts last term, one a house at levelon Abbot, in the style of a horse who bould propess hather. Comman Kelly was a smiler distance behind What A Hand in the Times Resing Star Final on this course atmost a year ago. He has a fine record in point to points but had to fight for his win from Copper Thuske at Horseness on his reappearance. The run will have trought him on, out Still a Business looks the golding to follow. Peed's Boy won bad raises last season, while No John sac as each passage at Nothington.

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	1.30	WHATCOMBE CONDITIONALS NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 5f Penaity Value £3,248
1	5263	FRE STALLER (13) (D.) Cart (D Cart 2 11 12
2	503131	TICKERTY'S GET (16) IN PASON: 6 L MOOR 6 CT
3	344301	FOOGROT ROMED (11) (Lac) Coltrary C Brook S 11 4 Tex M Bury (5)
4	100	RELKOWEN (46) 3/5 M Setter 4 Tare: 6111 G Cross (8)
5	261004	OLDHEL WOOD LIS Dare Vive, Street 6 to 12 Chris Webb (5)
÷	5-43510	DARRIE KING (50) Came States: M Boto: 5 15 10
7	0635	FAMILIASTIC FLEET (6) Ales, Jacquere 3 Jove, Vas. / S Corle 4 10 6 6 Corpor Ch
8	020	BARONCELL (16) The Gacars: 9 Worser 6 10 4
9	OUR-OO	BLACK STATEMENT (44) (SI Na/tor 3 toro 5 to 1
10		CASSIOS BOY (44) 1-journal Record 7 5-xep 5 10 1
11	5-600	PROGRAMS MISSION (50) U. V. Kryser G. Sacre 6 SC 1

FORM GUIDE
FANTASTIC FLEET, fifth to Reaganeouse at Doncaster and Sotunday, can take advantage of his low weight. However, in the stong races after to his time to inquicate at Lacester. Fantastic Fleet looks the answer to a thony handcap. Charle Brooks has his team in too form and Federat Roomeo, unsuited by the frosts ground at Wincarton, won with enset at Formeet need time and again has conclusing to suit. Reliations cocked small on her debut at Windsor out, her latest twee send on the softer ground. She might will do better for this longer thip and the stable is in form. Tickenty's Gift has those win unchallenged in testing ground at Lingfield, but this could prove dougher for him. The stod up in destance will also help Plighten's Mission, who runs in a voor for the first time, while Suroncolli, second to Tony's Gift in the heavy at Liebster, comes from the just that son with Distinctive this week. Selver winner Casalo's Boy has the services of Richard Johnson and is preferred to the disappointing Clichiel Wood.

Selection: FANTASTIC FLEET

	5.00	HIGHCLERE JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS (added 4YO 2m 110yds Penalty Value £4,120	C) £5,000
1	2	CHRUS THE GREAT (85) (8F) (2 1755) (Base) 11.0	N Williamson
2		PLOW BACK (13) (3 Lean, G Engr. 11 C	
3	4	HAND WOMEN (12) That Autor 's Turstor Osnes 11 0	_C Llemelin
4	2	BOISAS (15) Tare J A Cury, P Nerett 11.5	A P McCo
5	CPP	PORCER (207) (in For the Card May P Diefect 11.5	
6	_	RED DIGIT : WOF Rooms Formers . Americ 12.0	£ Cardio
7		SUSKILY SPECIAL (149) IT V J nee: \$ 5cm 12 0	
à		HATTA EREEZE Y'S! Mousi O Naticker 10 3	A Marsin
•		- 8 declared -	

Some costs purchases from the Rot (to here and The Dest may we'll be HATTA BRISEZE. Tome comply purceases from the role of the release of the second with the relation of the manufacture of the second terms of t too hard. He raps been puen a rest and looks bound to bo better. Measub was not mouth on the Flat with Ep Durkop but do into wrong on his nurses should against Disk Yook Taxation a forthight ago, while Red Light was a soft-ground writter on the later to receive Look Hart. Selection: HATTA EPEEZE

HYPERION 2.20 Elpidos 2.50 Canallou # 3.20 Royal Jester 3.50 Senta Concerto 4.20 Stop The Waller 4.50 Stash The Cash

GOING: Good to Soft (Soft in places).

Undulating course. Burn-in of 22.

Course is north of town off B6461. ADMISSION: Club £10;
Tathersit £7 (OAPs 54, accumpanied under-16s free). CAB PARIS-

vinners in the last seven date: Eiglige (220) was at Masselburgh on Saturday; LONG-DISTANCE EXINVERISS: Gold Pignon (2.50) has been sent 143 miles by 3 Buthwell from Makon, North Yorkshire; Limaratragh (3.20) east 143 miles by J Paches from Norton, North Yorkshire.

2.20 PENNY FARTHING RESTAURANT NOVICE HOLE (CLASS D) £4,000 4YO 2m 110yds

	- 12 declared -
١	BESTRICE 11-8 Edebreis de Moule, 5-2 Elpidos, 6-1 Highbank, 7-1 Crys-
	tal GIR, 14-1 Prince Equipme, 16-1 Burney Willow, 20-1 others
	IN EAT CYRU ALEXANDER MEMORIAL MAIDEN.
	2.50 CYRIL ALEXANDER MEMORIAL MAIDEN CHASE (CLASS D) £5,100 3m 1f
	1 00-5535 ALICHARGEE (DE) Mrs () Thomson 6 11 5Richard Gunst
	2 5-43050 AYLESBURY LAD (96) 0 Lerno 7 11 5A Marriers
	3 00P-PU2 CHNUREDU S (17) Mrs 8 Brancel 6 11 5 Nr K Wheler
	a 03 CHERRY STONE (72) L lungo 7 11.5 Reed
	5 5 CROSSY (133) May A Swinbank 6 11 5 Railton
	6 254-503 COOL WENTHER (SE) P Chiesbrungh 6 11 5 R Supple
	7 OOF RADIES SPECIAL (SO) M Hammond 6 11 5
	8 3/C/F- MCRE MEMIL (\$35) A Whitens 10 11 5
	6 DCS-0 PACENC BUMBLER (SIG) G M Moore 8 11.5. N BenGry
	10 PPS-02P PAUDY MORRESSEY (13) J Haldans 9 11 5
	11 7243-03 VULPRI DE LABGERE (17) Mrs 8 Borral 8 11 5
	12 0 PLANTIC HOPE (CL) C Paier 8 11 0
	13 6P-0734 GOLD PIGEON (18) 6 Rothwal 7 11.0
	14 66-PP HEXTHERIDGE (36) H Alexander 8 11 0P Waggott

3.20	M & J BALLANTYNE HUNTERS CHAS (CLASS H) £2,500 3m 1f
1 5029	6 CUROUSEL ROCKET (57) (C) M Hammond 13 12 12
2 PO/SUP-	5 CRFTHE BRU (27) (CD) Mrs & Brachume 11 12 12
3 1/2022	ROYAL JESTER (30-Q (10) Ma J Storey 12 12 12
1	Mr C Storey

245220 - E000mil MISPONIN BOY (272) 3 Riddel 11 12 8----(MS) FROM HOME (1,751) WHOME 24 12 3 14 P Money (1)
(1) THE STREET (1,751) I Paint 10 11 12 1 14 P Money (1)
(2) THE STREET (1,752) O Lamb 10 11 12 1 14 K White (1)

-9 declared -HETING: 6-4 Royal Justin, 4-1 Off The Rev. 5-1 Raises, 7-1 Free Trans-for, 8-1 Longitizations Roy, 12-1 Constant Racket, 16-1 others

3.50 HENNESSY COGNAC SPECIAL MOVICE HURDLE (CLASS C) £15,000 2m 2f 22-1124 BESQUES RANGUES (27) P Botheries 8 11-3 ... A Supple 5-03. CHEPPED OUT (27) CF let Technolor 6 11-3 ... A Supple 5-03. CHEPPED OUT (27) CF let Technolor 6 11-3 ... A Supple 1-1221 DRIEGT SOUTE (27)-(20) J H Johnson 5 11-3 ... A Depart (24-2) CHEPPED (27) J J O'Nolo 5 11-3 ... A Depart (24-2) JURISH (29 (27)) Doice 10 11-3 ... A Depart (24-2) JURISH (29 (27) Man 2 Grant 8 11-8 ... Mr Y Marrison 11 PERCY A DICK, 250 CJ Man M Revelop 6 11-3 ... J P Marrison 11 PERCY A DICK, 250 CJ Man M Revelop 6 11-3 ... J P Marrison 11 PERCY A DICK, 250 CJ Man M Revelop 6 11-3 ... J P Marrison 11 PERCY A DICK, 250 CJ Man M Revelop 6 11-3 ... J P Marrison 11 P Marrison 12 P Marrison 11 P Marrison 12 P Marrison 11 P Marrison 12 P M 7 11 PERRY A DOC/PS (2) Mis M Revely 5 13.3 P News
8 2-12-2P POLITICAL TOWER (20) 9 Nem 9-11-3 B Herding
8 2-12-11 SWING, CONCERPO (27) (2) Liangs 7 11-8 T June
10 STORME CARY A Whiteria 6 11.3 M Nothing
11 56-1444 PEROY GORDORI (20) Mes D Thomson 5 10 12 10 O'Nem
12 23 SHOWARAS WOY (20) P Morabita 8 10 12 A Double
13 3L3 RALITSA (20) M Hemorard A 10 8 New A Double
13 3L3 RALITSA (20) M Hemorard A 10 8 New A Double
14 Telephone Oct. 8-2 September 19 New A Double
15 Telephone Oct. 8-2 September 10-18 Recognity A 14-1 Give Bust, 29-1

4.20 SHIP HOTEL, EYEMOUTH AMATEURS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,500 3m

or on. NETING: 7-4 Step The Walter, 11-4 Callich Boy, 3-1 Over This Deal, 6-1 Intonis, 16-1 Cale Water, Belling

4.50 FEDERATION BREWERY HANDICAP HUR-DLE (CLASS D) £4,000 2m 2f 1 . 1-FLETOS WIRLES THE MARK (12) (000) M. Toubunder S 21, 12 ... 2 426-130 PMR AND PRECO (ST) Mas M Magen 5 11.5 Michina Guest.
3 5220 UP IN PLANES (SSI) M Hummond 5 10.11 ... R Sensitive 4 522121 SUSHITHE CASH (CT) (CD) T Oyer 5 10.9 ... A Dobble 5 400501 SEZADSIN (13) Mir M Reveloy 6 10.6 ... P Reven 6 000601. REVIE DE VALSE (25) (D) Davys Smith 9 10.4 ... E Handleg (R) 7 02235-0 ANT DESAM WOULD DO (43) P Beaution 7 10.1 X Supple 8 5640-0 ANDHER FOURDIN (27) J Okon 10 10.0 ... A Minances (7) 9 0505 GROUSE N-HSCHER (27) P Montach 7 10.0 ... G Chaff (5) 10 02-5 Hollages (27) B Macagine 7 100 ... B Storey 11 045001. DEPHYCOLADA (27.5) P Spontienced 6 10.0 ... F Ferreit. Allphono weight 10t. The handless weight Acother Foundations 120, Grouse 426-130 THE RED PROCE (57) May M Magno 5'11-5...

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3.45 ERF NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICE HURDLE (QUALIFIER) (CLASS E) £3,200 2m 1f

OUPG- LIVE RIDGE (221) M Kenner 8 20 9 Mr T Green 540 MBSS PRIBECRACKER (50) R Front 7 50 9 Front TOLLARGE LADY K Bishop 7 10 8 MBS PRIBECRACKER (50) R Front TOLLARGE LADY K Bishop 7 10 8 MBS PRIBECRACKER (50) R Front TOLLARGE LADY K Bishop 7 10 8 MBS 5-4 Arcond The Entire 8-4 Supreme Sencetic, 5-1 Durnfichs Company 10 MBS 15-4 Arcond The Entire 8-4 Supreme Sencetic, 5-1 Durnfichs Company 10 MBS 15-4 Arcond The Entire 8-4 Supreme Sencetic, 5-1 Durnfichs Company 10 MBS 15-4 Arcond The Entire 8-4 Supreme Sencetic, 5-1 Durnfichs Company 10 MBS 15-4 Arcond The Entire 8-4 Supreme Sencetic, 5-1 Durnfichs Company 10 MBS 15-4 Arcond The Entire 8-4 Supreme Sencetic, 5-1 Durnfichs Company 10 MBS 15-4 Arcond The Entire 8-4 Supreme Sencetic, 5-1 Durnfichs Company 10 MBS 15-4 Supreme Sencetic, 5-1 Supreme Sencetic, 5-1 Supreme Sencetic, 5-1 Supreme Se

4.15 TERRACE RESTAURANT: HANDICAP.

5 2-6563U ALLO GEORGE (44) (C) A Novcombe 10 10 C A Wordson
— B doctored

Mileter Oddy's float preference is the Novbery 3-30 .

Admirmon: 10st. True Wang weights: Event Miles 9st 9th, Allo George Set Ob-

HETTERG: 45 Mister Oddy, 4-1 Doon Bobliard, 5-1 Lesuite, 6-1 Doord Miss.

4.45 PRE CHELTENHAM STANDARD OPEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £2,000 2m 1f

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HYPERION 2.15 Mellion Pride 2.45 Sister Stepha 3.15 Whitebonnet 3.45 Around The Gale 4.15 Beau Babillard 4.45 Three Farthings

Lett-hand, starp, course with abort run-in.

Course is N of town on A380, Newton Abbot studion (served by London, Paddington). ADMISSION: Tatternalis £8.50; Course £4, Under-16s free. CAR PARK: On rails £1.50, rest free.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN OATS: Master Ordy (4.16) won at Leicester on Teaching. LONG-DESTANCE EUNNERS: Deards Sunasher (3.45) has been sent 157 miles by N Smith from Upton Snodsbury, H Yard.

2.15 LANDLORDS DAY MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,200 added 2m 6f

U BLAZING MIRACLE [13] Mrs R Henderson 4 10 5 O FORTUNES BOSE (92) J King 4 10 5 = 14 decient = 1 2-3-1 Mellion Pride, 7-2 Mr Phydol, 5-1 Stongamif Girl, 6-1 Sands 7-1 Northinada Way, 12-1 Pricedly House, 14-1 others

2.45 TATTERSALLS (RELAND) MARIES NOVICE 20-1 Mio Google
CHASE (CLASS E) £4,500 2m 5f 110 yds 13/1-212 SESTER SCEPHANG (15) (C) G McCourt 7 11 4 .R Deservoid O APRIL CHUISE (16) L Snoot 9 10 12. A Thomson 10-34F MYELACKINORN (10) (R) P Notices 6 10 12 .Gay Lowis (S) 0-0P RUBY'S GER. (46) A Turnel 6 10 12....

3.15 HAPPY DAYS NURSERY HANDICAP HUR-DLE (CLASS D) £4,350 2m 6f 502527 JANDINI (LA) (ED) C Wintown 8 12 0 6243-U0 BLUE JAWS (7) P Nicholte 6 11 9 433-128 HOLD YOUR RANKS (42) (C) R Froz 9 11 9 125-110 EURE RES (100) M Pape 7 11 8 321114 RAFBE (871) Mrs J Retier 11 11 5 F5F200 JENZSOPH (12) P Hobbs 5 11 5

RAPADORA L Snook 4 10 5

SOUTHWELL HYPERION

1.40 Carol Again 2.10 Awasome Venture 2.40 Tartan Gem 3.10 Disc Of Gold 3.40 Maple Bay 4.10 No Submission 4.40 Northern Trial

GOING: Standard.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low usually best for fif to 7L

STALLS: 64 & 7f - Inside: remainder - outside.

Fibresand surface; left-ioned sharp, oval course.

Rececourse is 3 miles south-cast of town and 5 miles west of
Newark at Rolleston, Rolleston Junction railway station adjoins
the course. ADMISSION: Club \$12; Tatternells \$8 (OAP members of course's Diamond Club \$4, accompanied under-16s free).

AND BANKS Draw.

BLINGEBERD FIRST TEMS: Royal Dencer (2.10), Timely Example (2.40), Double Glow (vtor 2.10), Allerine (vtor, 2.40).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Nathant (3.40) was here. on Friday, Desert Immster (2.10) was here on Monday, Maple Bay (3.40) was at Wolvertampton on Monday. LONG-INSTANCE RUNNEES: Always Grace (2.10) & Turtus Sem. 12.40) have been sent 200 miles by Mass Gay Lelleway from Wid

1.40 TUXFORD HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS F)

— s secures — Adinteum veight: 7st JUlb. True hierdings neight; Vern 7st Stb. BETTROE: 5-2 for Moderty, 7-2 Philosophy, 5-1 Carol Again, Sworliding, 8-1 known, 10-1 Rimitmation, Solventon, 12-1 others.

2.10 MARKHAM MOOR HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 6f D S McCabe (3) 8 6 005-100 WARRY FRIETY (10) p(0) M Construct 5 9 51 L Channel
7 421000 ANNOYS GRACE (100) (0) Cay Relevay 4 8 1 ... B Define
8 0-05005 SENANGER (FRIETY (7) C Smick 4 7 10 ... John Wards (9) 6500-00 Moral DAVICES (22) R Warrer 4 7 10 ... A Davig (9) 065000 DOUBLE SLOW (4) (5) N Bycot A 7 10 ... G Barrier

10 DESCOOL DECEMBERSHAM MY ROY IN DICTOR A F JULI THE MEMBERSHAM AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPE 2.40 NORMANTON CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 1m 6f 505/3 MAMMSRE (CI) R Most 697
2-11343 TARCOM GEN (IRI) R5 Ge, Referen 587
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The fancral of Frank Scotto: the chairman of Sedgefield racecourse, will be held on Monday at 11.15am at land. No flowers are requested and donations should be sent to the In-jured Jockeys' Fund, Scotto, who was 58, died on Wednesday.

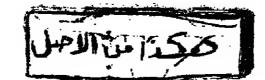


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nior athlete. Chris Sweeney drifted away from top-level running through a combination ol injury and the increasing

demands of his job. Sweeney, however, is an un-usual case. At 29, having es-tablished himself in a highly successful career with British Gas, this former national junior cross-country champion has returned to international racing

with startling effect.

A week after finishing eighth in the BBC-televised event at Durham on 31 December, he took second place behind the top Kenyan, James Kariuki, in the World Cross Challenge race at Mallusk. That kind of form. coming after nearly two years of enforced inactivity because of a foot injury, sends him into Sunday's BAF cross country championships with a real chance of making the world championship team in South Africa.

As Sweeney sets off on the course at Stakeford, Northumberland, he will need to banish from his mind the pressing concerns of his position as commercial manager, and effective troubleshooter, for the UK Mike Rowbottom on the remarkable return of a British long-distance runner

operation of British Gas's air conditioning business. The new marketing strategy - air condi-tioning, like athletics, has its busy season, and the cooling starts in carnest in April – will have to be put mentally to one side.

Sweeney is as surprised as anyone to find himself in his current position. After badly in-juring his foot on the Durham course in January 1993, he was unable to run properly for 18 months. He finally corrected his problem in November 1994 after being persuaded to consult Dr Ron Holder, the South African whose pioneering work on building up customised in-soles has revived the careers of competitors such as Roger Black and Steve Backley.

But it was not until last November that he returned in earnest to competition, announcing his potential by winning the Surrey cross-country championships by a margin of 41 seconds.

"A year ago my attitude was that if I could run a couple of

times a week and get fit enough to run one hour socially on Sunday with the lads. I'd be happy." he said. "If you had told me then that I would be having this conversation about my chances of making the world cross-

wouldn't have believed you." Although his national title won 10 years ago tomorrow - indicated the level of his talent, part of the reason for Sweeney's unconventional path in the sport is simply down to his own

country championships 1

After studying chemistry at Birmingham University, the offer of a graduate trainee place with his current employer opened up a wider world to him.

When someone pays you a half-decent salary and you move down to London you realise there is more to life than leading a rather monastic exishe said. "If you are going to be dedicated in athletics it often requires a severe lifestyle and I didn't think I was ready

Alan Storey, who oversees Sweeney's current training in a group that includes other leadng competitors such as Gary Staines, Jon Solly and Kate McCandless, confirms the impression of a self sufficient, unorthodox character.

"I admire the way Chris manages to combine running and a high-powered job," he said. "He's fairly well-balanced about his life. He likes a pint but he have when he shouldn't be have. knows when he shouldn't be having one. I give him what help he needs, but he needs a lot less than most other athletes." Sweeney has had a close view of the life of a full-time athlete, having shared a house with Staines in South London until recently.

If things go according to plan this Sunday - his 30th birth-day incidentally - he will need to make sure he is not working on or around 23 March, the date

of the hig race in Cape Town. "I haven't really considered asking for leave," he said, "be-cause that would be tempting fate." In the event of a request, one would hope British Gas, not overly endowed with good publicity in recent months, would em-brace the chance of a PR boost.



On the run: Second place for Chris Sweeney in the World Challenge race in Mailusk in January

Jackson raises the Olympic stakes with all-comers' record

Colin Jackson continued to import on gold medals at the 1988 press in his preparations for this and 1992 Olympics. "[I hope] it's summer's Olympic Games by breaking the Australian all-com-ers' record for the 110 metres hurdles in Melbourne yesterday. Jackson, the world record-

holder, ran 13.24 seconds to shave 0.05sec from the mark set last August. After the race. Jackson declared himself hap-py with the victory but said there was room for improvement. "I'm not very fluid now but I'm

not worried about it," he said. Jackson is in Australia to prepare for the European season and Atlanta in July. Jackson, whose world record of 12.91sec was set in August 1993, missed.

third time lucky for me," he said. At the same meeting, Cathy Freeman ran the quickest 400m hy a woman in the past five months and broke her own Australian record by 0.19sec with a time of 49.85sec.

The Finnish shot-putter Mika Halvari, the silver medallist in the 1995 World Champ-Achilles tendon in training and will not be able to compete in the European Champion-ships, which start in Stockholm next Friday. The injury could also keep Halvari out of

Australian pair are cream of the Cats

STUART ALEXANDER reports from Dubal

A dhow, two Bedouin tents and a camel shared the stage yes-terday with rank on rank of

tured greens of the Emirates Golf Club, host later this month to a PGA Tour event, or the Nad Al Sheba course, setting a few days later for the richest horse race in the world, the Dubai Cup, the grey-blue seas of the Arabian Gulf provide a natur-

al race track. And the sunshine, interrupted by clond and rain of late, fits well with the Californian origins of a boat which has sold 100,000 worldwide and hopes to re-place the British-designed Tor-nado as the catamaran class for

the 2000 Olympics.

There is more than one agenda to an event that has attracted more than 300 entries from 50 countries. In the Dubái International Marine Club, a few hundred yards along the beach from the racehorse owner Schabort and Gillian Anley.

Sheikh Mohammed Rashid A Saeed Al Maktoum's palace, his uncle, Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum, was opening an event that is a test bed for the 1998 mid-Olympics World Championships of Sailing.

The huge entry will be trying brand new beats supplied for the opening of the Hobie Cat 16 World Championship here.
In contrast to the manufacture of the days for one of the 25 to 32 slots being contested by more than 240 crews to join the existing 80 seeded semi-finalists. Britam already has Mark and Victoria Farrow in the field. Both Tornado sailor Stephen Park, crewed by Ruth Verrier-Jones, and Laser contender Chris Gowers, crewed by David Jones, will have to work hard as 60-boat fleets rotate equipment

and time on the race course. The Australian pair of Kerry Ireland and Jennifer Dickson, who is just 14 years old and also comes from Brisbane's Gold Coast, swept aside all comers to take the Hobie 16 Women's World Champiouship. They won eight out of 10 starts, were second and third in the other two, and could watch nonchalantly as America's Amice Larchar and Susan Weich snatched silver from the South Africans, Inge

Mullins plots old club's fall

Hockey BILL COLWILL

Toby Mullins, the coach who surprisingly parted company with lpswich after taking them to their only National League title and into Europe in 1993, returns to his old hunting ground with lowly Havant from the Second Division of the South League on Sunday in the Fourth round of

the AÉWHA Cup. Havant, the young, up-and-coming club from the south coast, have no illusions about the task facing them but they will be hoping the team spirit Mullins has created and his knowledge of lpswich will see them through. As manager Debbie Humphries put it: "We have no stars but a very determined side who will enjoy them?

young striker, Lucy Riddle, who suffered a hand injury last week, but Chris Allberry and Vicky

Wright are in good enough form to surprise Ipswich. Hightown, the Cup holders and League leaders, travel to Bristol tomorrow to face Clifton in the League and then on Sunday cross the Pennines to challenge Doncaster in the only Premier clash of the round.

Ipswich travel to Birmingham tomorrow to play second-placed Sutton Canada Life, the only un-defeated side in the Premier Division. At least six non-National League clubs will go into the fifth-round draw on Mon-

The women's Varsity match takes place at Oxford Hawks ground on Saturday, when the old rivals will be hoping to break the deadlock of the past three years, when the match has selves and give of their best." three years, when They will be without their ended in a draw.

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Lindsay bullish as Super League lays on glitz

DAVE HADFIELD

After the glitch comes the glitz, with the European Super League and Sky TV insisting at a spectacular launch yesterday that their vision remains intact despile events in Australia.

Rugby league's forthcoming inaugural summer season was League's chief executive, Mau-

given its most powerful push so rice Lindsay, did his best to al- Australian Rugby League chair- Guinea and New Zealand and, if Stone's, were talking about the far in a London hotel, with lay fears, that, without Australian Rugby League chair- Guinea and New Zealand and, if Stone's, were talking about the necessary, fitting in Fiji and West- same level of promotion and everyone involved pledging to make it higger and better than anything the sport has yet seen.

But the court verdict in Australia that is preventing the southern hemisphere equivalent from kicking off this weekend was never far from centre stage.

The European Super

tralian teams to compete against at the end of this season, his own competition is fatally wounded.

be play-offs at the end of the first Super League season," he said. "Matters will stabilise in Australia and then we will he able to reveal further details to you." Lindsay also revealed that the

"I am confident that there will

tacted him during his recent visit to Australia, raising hopes that the two men, on opposite sides of an often acrimonious worldside battle, could yet reach an

accommodation. He was also adamant that Great Britain's tour to the southem hemisphere this autumn will go ahead, taking in Papua New

em Samoa in place of the Australian section of the itinerary.

The main object of the exercise, however, was to show that, whatever happens in Australia, the show here goes on. With just four weeks to go before the first Super League match, between Paris and Sheffield Eagles, Sky and the competition's sponsors, commitment that has been brought to football's Premiership.

"We intend to support and commit ourselves to rugby league to the same extent said Bass brewer's head of sponsorship, Jonathan Nye. Sky's own advertising campaign, which began today promises to be equally high

keting campaign second to own season by two weeks none, said Sky's head of programming, David Elstein. In Australia, Super League-

aligned players from the Brisbane Broncos and the Canberra Raiders, two of the eight clubs banned from hreaking away from the ARL, are to play a high-profile friendly match in Brisbane this weekend. The

The Scottish businessman-Bob Jamieson has failed in his bid to take over Workington. His rescue package has been rejected by the club, which is al-

most £1m in debt. The former Great Britain international Graeme Hallas, 25, has re-signed for Habitar after an unsuccessful spell with the ARL

LTA start

looking

for chief

executive

David Lloyd's name immediately came to mind after the

Lawn Tennis Association an-

seeking a chief executive to re-

place Ian Peacock, who has

decided to leave when his con-

tract expires in September.
Lloyd, renowned as the gov-

erning body's fiercest critic, was persuaded to accept the

challenge of becoming Davis

Cup captain last year. Whether his ambition extends to placing

himself in a position of being an-swerable only to the LTA Coun-

cil - let aione the Council's view

of such a prospect - remains to

Asked on one occasion if he

fancied an executive role, Lloyd

said he would not be offered

one because his policy was to get

rid of everybody.

After his playing career end-ed, Lloyd created an empire of

ennis and leisure centres,

which he sold to Whitbread for

£20m last year, while retaining

an executive position. The com-

pany might not welcome an early departure

As Davis Cup captain, the 48-

year-old Lloyd already has a

place on the board of the LTA's International Tennis Division,

initiated by Peacock to separate

the professional game from the

grass roots in the hope of im-

proving playing standards.

Wimbledon's annual pre-tax profits go to the LTA for the de-

velopment of the British game.

Since Peacock's appointment in

1986, contributions from the

championships have totalled

His major achievement has

been the building of indoor

tennis centres, an endeavour to

make amends for almost two

to keep pace with developments

in the sport overseas. The 40th

centre is due to be opened lat-er this year. The latest initiative

is a £25m community tennis pro-

gramme over the next five years.

the Italian indoor tournament

in Milan vesterday after suf-

fering a recurrence of an ankle.

injury m'a locker-room incident.

ATP Tour officials reported

that Stich, the No 7 seed, injured

his left ankle while changing for

a match against Guy Forget

Michael Stich pulled out of .

JOHN ROBERTS

Gullit greets Cup fever with a grin

Dutch master tells Glenn Moore he is happy wearing Chelsea boots

When Ruud Gullit signed for AChelsea during the summer it was not just those of a cynical disposition who looked at his alleged wages, considered doubts about his fitness, and decided he had opted for lucrative semiretirement in London.

The Dutchman's consistency, and his central role in Chelsea's steady development, have long dispelled those doubts. He has set the best possible example, on and off the pitch. Now, as with Jürgen Klinsmann last year, thoughts are turning to Wemhley in May. While Klins-mann's Wemhley quest assumed a momentum more akin to the US presidential elections until it crashed into Everton - Gullit is seeking to keep his

progress more low-key.
"An FA Cup match is the same as any other." he said after Chelsea breezed into the last eight with a 4-1 fifth-round replay win over Grimsby Town on Wednesday. "It is like playing in the European Cup, only when you get to the final is it

"I played twice at Wembley for Holland but, once you get on the pitch, it does not matter where you are. You are fixed on what you are doing, maybe you notice it when you have won."

Gullit is, however, passionate about the Chelsea team, and his own continued pursuit of excellence. "At the beginning of the season we had up and downs. The 5-0 ly in over Middlessuch a good moment because, thought 'we have done it now'. You only win games when you compete for every metre - or," he added with a grin, "as you

would say, every yard." We won this match but there is nothing to celebrate vet. When you are in the final you have something to look forward to - that is what you learn dur-

mg your career.
"I still believe I can play bet-ter than I did at Milan. Every day you learn something. If you think you have achieved everything you have nothing to do. I had never played in England. I try to use my experience and learn from their experience. You only stop learning when you quit. You have to be open to everything. Football develops, it becomes quicker, players develop as athletes.

"In Italy players are more patient when building an attack, there is more passing football. In Italy a striker is just preparing himself for the last moment. Here they are working the channels all the time, going from left to right, to left again. Sometimes they are so tired they are not ready when the moment

"I have told them not to do that. I want Spenny [John Spencer] and Mark [Hughes] to be sharp. I do not want Spenny running from left to right, I want him here," he said, gesturing in front of him, "where I can find him. He is a good professional, he wants to improve brough four weeks ago] was not Besides, it is what a striker wants to hear. I run, but I do not

after it, we got a bit sloppy. We run for nothing." Powling's marathon men take on McIlroy in Trophy

Non-League notebook RUPERT METCALF

Sudbury Town's proud recent history includes a trip to Wembley for an FA Vase final, and if they repeat that feat in the FA Umbro Trophy this year they will have done it the hard way.

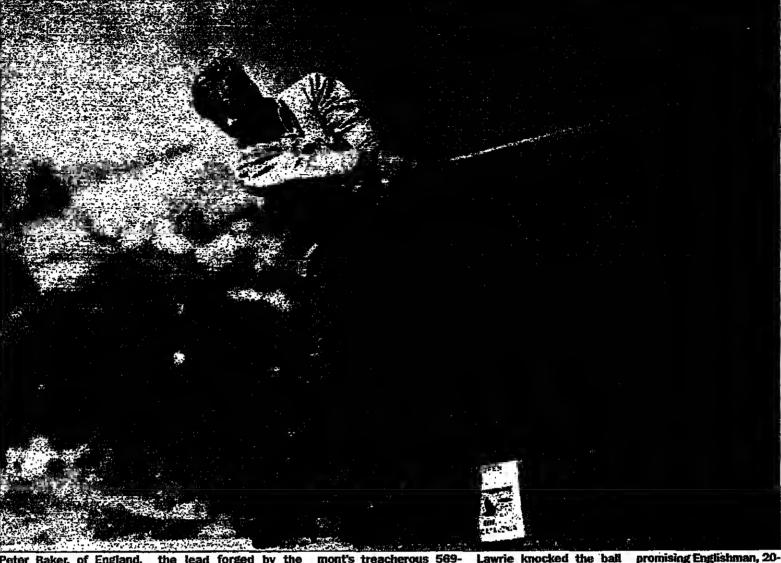
The Suffolk club have already played 10 games (and endured four periods of extra time) just to progress from October's first qualifying round to this weekend's third round proper. They needed two replays to see off Salisbury in the second qualifying round while their firstround saga involving another Wiltshire side, Trowbridge, last-

ed four matches. Tomorrow, in the Trophy's lasi-16 stage, they travel to Cheshire for a tie at the GM Vauxhall Conference champions. Macclesticld Town. Both sides are managed by former First Diroy, once of Manchester United

and Northern Ireland, is in charge of Macclesfield, while his counterpart at Sudbury is Richie Powling, a tough-tackling fullhack with Arsenal in the 1970s. "It's a gigantic task, going there," Powling said yesterday, "but anything is possible..."

Sudbury's climh up the non-League pyramid has been swift. A year after facing Tamworth (who won after a replay) in the 1989 Vase final in front of a record Vase Wembley crowd of 26,487. Sudbury were promoted from the Jewson Eastern Counties League to the Beazer Homes League. They were promoted again to the Premier Division two years ago, and Powling has assembled an experienced side with a good mixture of League and non-

League stalwarts. Another former Arsenal player, Brian McDermott, is the new player-manager of the struggling Conference club, Slough Town, following the de-parture of Dave Russell.



Peter Baker, of England, drives for the seventh reen at the Catalan Open in Tarragona yesterday. Baker's first-round score of 70 put him five shots off

the lead forged by the Scot, Paul Lawrie. The 27year-old from Aberdeen had nine birdies in his first 16 holes and then reached the green in two at Bon-

mont's treacherous 589yard 17th, a hole that had earlier seen Russell Claydon, from Cambridge, take 11. But, in trying to hole his 20-foot eagle attempt,

Lawrie knocked the ball four feet past the pin and missed the return. The par five meant he had to settle for a 65 and only a one-

year-old David Howell, and

the Spanish pair of Domingo Hospital and Fernando

Photograph: Allsport

Cullinan and Cronje finish off Pakistan

Cricket

Pakistan 242-6 (South Africa win by 5 wkts)

South Africa, lifted by a crucial half-century from Daryil Cullinan, beat the World Cup holders, Pakistan, by five wickets in their Group B match in Karachi yesterday.

With South Africa needing 243 to win, Cullinan came in after two wickets went in quick succession to the fast bowler Waqar Younis, following an opening stand of 51 in eight overs between Andrew Hudson and Gary Kirsten.

Cullinan blended dashing strokeplay with disciplined defence to make 65 and, with his captain Hansie Cronie proving a staunch ally, steered his team to 203 before he was fifth out. Cronje stayed to finish the job with an unbeaten 45 as South Africa scored 243 for 5 off 44.2 overs to stay top of the group with four wins out of four.

242 for 6 in their 50 overs, with Aamir Sohail making an emphatic return to form with a fine 111. The opener, heavily

criticised by the local media af- Adams, who took one for 42 in ter making five and nine against his first match in the tourna-the United Arab Emirates and ment. "It was a risk to play him." the Netherlands respecti reached three figures off 129 de-

An overjoyed Cronje praised his openers for their brisk start

player for the big occasion. Wasim said his players were "down" after the defeat, adding:
"We misread the pitch. "I

hut he singled out the performance of 19-year-old Paul more. We all make mistakes."

Look and learn for England

England watched live television wicket victory over Pakistan yesterday, and they could not have failed to appreciate the Springbok's tactics - masterminded by their coach, Bob Woolmer - which swept away the co-hosts' unbeaten record in Group B.

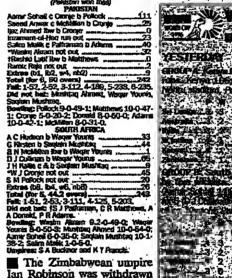
Now the onus is on the cap-tain. Mike Atherton, and the chairman, Ray Illingworth, to formulate with an equally effective game plan for England's meeting with Pakistan on Sunday. A determined South Africa moved a step closer to a quar-ter-final berth in Karachi. Yes-

Pakistan had earlier scored terday's victory ensured they are now certain to finish top of Group B, removing the prospect of a trip across the border to India.

Javed Miandad, a veteran of coverage of South Africa's five- all six World Cups, is expected to confront England on Sunday, as are the opener Aamir Sohail, who picked up a groin injury while scoring 111 yesterday, and the wicketkeeper Rashid

Latif, who has a bruised finger. Pakistan now face the probability of a quarter-final in India. They would have to lose against both England and New Zealand to finish fourth in the group and guarantee them-selves a last-eight match on

"It doesn't matter where we play our quarter-final," the Pakistan captain, Wasim Akram, insisted. "It would be better, of course, to stay in Pakistan but we would probably be under less pressure in India."



Ian Robinson was withdrawn from the match after objections from Pakistan. They gave no reason for their objection to Robinson, who was involved in controversial incident with former Pakistan captain Salim Malik last year.

Surrey have won the race to sign the South African Test allrounder Brian McMillan. McMillan, the Western Province player, has been given a two-year contract, worth around £100,000.



TODAY'S NUMBER 25m

The dollars (£16.7m) that the 29-year-old quarterback Neil O'Donnell, who guided the Prinsburgh Steelers Into the Super Bow in January, will be paid over the next five years after signing for the New York

MINDEPENDENT

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Jordan-Peugeot strike all-gold Motor racing

The Jordan-Peugeot team yes-terday signed a £15m sponsor-Hedges that could transform their Formula One fortunes from also-rans to championship contenders.

The team's all-gold cars, driven by Martin Brundle and Rubens Barrichello, will promore a cigarette brand in this cason's races, which begin on unday week with the Ausalian Grand Prix in Melurne. The deal will give dan-Peugeot the financial king necessary to tempt ling engineers, designers drivers from rival teams. iddie Jordan, the team's лост, said: "It is a major breakrough for us to secure a new e sponsor and, together with r partners Peugeot and Total. am looking forward to a long

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CRICKET WORLD CUP: East African underdogs capitalise on cavalier approach from Caribbean batsmen to cause major upset

Kenya plunge West Indies to new low

reports from Poona, India Кепуа 166 Kenya win by 73 runs

You think England have prob-lems? Richie You think Eng-Richardson would gladly pack his bags for Karachi and take on Mike Atherion's job, anything to escape a team whose bodylanguage speaks of disinterest and disharmony and whose complacency has contrived to produce the most embarrassing defeat in West Indies' cricket

Karachi, in fact, may be the safest place for Richardson: I certainly would not bother with the Caribbean.

The match was not even close, and Richardson, more used than most West Indian captains (and more willing than most captains) to explaining defeats, could only say at the dressing-room door; "I don't have words at the moment... Every captain is expected to attend a news conference after each World Cup match. However brief and informal, none will have revealed so much (there was not even time to call

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was little hint that the small hut a basis for winning Test-playing higgest upset. True, the West Indies thumbed their noses at one-day discipline, delivering 14 wides and 13 no-balls hut, even so, 167 should have been a com-

fortable target.

However, first Richardson chopped a hall on to his leg stump, then Sherwin Camp bell was bowled round his legs. Brian Lara square-drove his first ball for four but he gave the appearance of playing in a henefit match. He did not sense the danger and was caught behind off his third undisciplined swish. Keith Arthurton's ill-judged attempt at a short single made it

Strangely, the West Indies still seemed the likely winners, but it was one of those days. A catch down the leg-side put paid to Roger Harper; there were two tight run-outs; and a poor de-cision to saw off Courtney

There are precedents for non-Test playing countries beating Test teams in the World Cup - in 1979 Sri Lanka beat Indía at Old Trafford, and, four years later, an Australian side that included Thomson, Lillee and Marsh lost to Zimhabwe - but those results hardly compare to this. While those two coun-

West Indies

Winners 1975, 79

Runners-up 1983

18th Century. First Test v England

Undisputed world

champions from

Michael Holding, Malcolm Marshall

Richie Richardson

16 Test centuries

Most of side have

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increasingly excited crowd here status, Kenya's chances of gain-would witness the World Cup's ing two votes at the International Cricket Conference appear remote. The Kenyan Cricket Board have so little money that, when the players asked for white balls with which to practise before the tournament, they were given normal cricket halls painted white. Such is the unsatisfactory

format of the competition that the West Indies will probably still qualify for the quarter-finals. But Kenya, who play Sri Lanka in their last group match, or Zim-babwe, who take on India, can now claim fourth spot ahead of them in Group A. If the West Indies were to suffer a thrashing at the hands of Australia in Jaipur on Monday, it is conceivable that Kenya, even if they lose to Sri Lanka, could pip them. It is all down to net runrate, which is not as daft as Richie Benaud's "rain rule" but it still takes a hit of working out.

Lara was one of several West Indies players to visit the victorious dressing-room. It was hard to know what delighted the Kenyans more - their win or Lara's willingness to pass the time and pose for individual photos with each of them.

"It's a good feeling that a great player like him came to us and said: 'Well played, boys'," said Rajab Ali, who dismissed Lara and took the final wicket of the match. "My colleagues were saying: Believe in yourself. You can get him.' I bowled to him like he was an ordinary batsman. He was a bit flashy and I concentrated on his off-stump... and I got him, I couldn't believe it." Ali could have been talking

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Bowling: Suji 7-2-16-1; Rojab Ali 7.2-2-17-3; Asii Naorii 8-1-19-1; M Odumbe 10-3-15-3; Odoyo 3-0-19-0.

Victory salute: Maurice Odumbe (centre), Kenya's captain, celebrates beating the West Indies yesterday with Steve Tikolo (right)

A long way from stick and corn cob

A little less than a year ago, the is a country I hold very dear, becricket world looked and blinked, unsure of what it had seen, as the West Indies lost their first Test series for many years, to a deserving Australia. Yesterday, cricketers everwhere would have gawped in utter disbelief, as Kenya thrashed the West Indies by 73 runs. It was as decisive a victory as anything achieved by their brilliant and better known distance runners.

Australia's captain, Mark Taylor, bad already warned that Kenya could be the ones to cause an upset but even he could not have had the West Indies in mind. In fact, Kenya outplayed them, grittily using up their overs when all looked lost at 81 for 6, showing a tenacity the West Indies now lack.

It was not pretty, but then you never go out to fight wearing your best trousers. When it comes to passing the Norman Tebbitt Test, I fail every time where Kenya are involved and my only disappointment is that I was not there to witness what has been undoubtedly their greatest moment in cricket so far.

That wish that has nothing to

do with revelling in West Indi-

an woe, and everything to do

with celebrating Kenyan joy. It

ing the place of my birth and up-bringing - a place where, among other things, my father cap-tained the national team, and learned to play cricket.

The game has long been popular, having long been played by colonial expats and Asians, almost exclusively on jute or coir matting, stretched over a firm murram (compacted gravel) base - though most club pitches in the capital. Nairobi, are now turf.

Indeed, the annual Europeans v Asians matches were the equivalent of "Test" matches, and regularly attracted large crowds. There were touring sides too. Sides like the Commonwealth Cavaliers, captained by the likes of Ted Dexter, who in 1963 presented my father Donald with his England tourKenva's greatest day is well deserved. says Derek Pringle, who grew up there

ing cap after be skittled Lord Ted with an inswinger first ball. Black Africans did not realy play, even at school, although the few that did usually came from Uganda. But then that is the truly amazing aspect of Kenya's victory. Unlike Zimbabwe - who bave achieved full ICC status - Kenya bave a team who not only have a black majority, but whose best players are indigenous Africans. most of them from the Luo tribe around the shores of Lake Victoria, where cricket has not been played since Kenya's in-

dependence over 30 years ago.

Today, only Nairobi and Mom-basa have cricket leagues.

But where bave these brilliant hlack players like Maurice Odumbe, Steve Tikolo, Martin Suji and Kennedy Otieno, come from? Certainly there were none playing when I left Kenya to live in England back in 1977, and the story of their emergence is almost as fantastic as yester-

day's victory. According to Harilal Shah, who captained East Africa in the 1975 World Cup, and who is now the team manager, the story be-gan during net sessions at Nairo-bi's Sir Ali Sports Club, where the young Odumbes and Tikolos would watch the club players practice, setting up their own impromptu game afterwards, using a stick for a bat and a dried

corn cob as a ball. Their obvious enthusiasm

was really quite fan.

There are of course other strands that led to Postenday's stunning victory. For a start Kenya have beaten both East land A and India A in the locality years. They have placed here as if expecting to win and in the slightest bit over a local to the slightest their opponents.

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forts of Jasmer and Figures. Singh, tircless administrator and coach repectively, the latter are ranging for England's bowling coach Peter Lever to stop off on: von Malcolm and Co in South Africa last November, It is easy to see who were more receptive

People bave always gone to Kenya to see its wildlife and its runners. Soon they will be going to watch its cricket team play. Test matches.

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Richards in old routine

STEVE BALE

After 57 matches as England captain, Will Carling has more or less exhausted avenues of pre-match exhortation or inspiration, so how glad he was to have Dean Richards, bis inspiration-made-flesh, back beside him as the team set off for Scotland last night. England will be two-thirds of the way to the Triple Crown if they deny Scotland the Grand Slam tomorrow.

The two, pack leader as Carling's sturdy helpmate, sat together on a golden day in Richmond yesterday with the captain so palparly relieved to have Richards restored at No 8 that you had to wonder, yet again, how he could ever have been discarded in the first place.

This followed England's second private training session at stop the Scots.

David Batty was left to his own

devices yesterday when Kevin

Keegan continued his Newcas-

tle news black-out leading up to

Monday's match between the

Premiership's two top by re-fusing to hold a formal news

conference to announce the

£4m signing of the Blackburn

The clubs agreed terms last

week and the delay in com-

pleting the transfer means that Batty - described by the New-

castle manager as the "last piece in the jigsaw" - will now

Football

midfielder.

NICK DUXBURY

the Bank of England ground in Roebampton.

"Dean's leadership of the forwards - although yon haven't been allowed to see it - is already apparent in training sessions," Carling enthused. "The kind of example he brings and the confidence he inspires in players is very important for all of us."

Richards is another of those who says he never reads newspapers, meaning he was supposedly unaware of the fuss his reinstatement had created.

"There is an amount of pressure, heing recalled into the squad," he conceded. "But I shall have no more pressure on me than any of the other 14 players in the side." Even the insouciant Richards must know this is not true, not since he was called into the management inner sanctum last Sunday to work out how England were to

Batty finally joins Newcastle

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Batty will sit out the Pre-

Branco is also champing at

the hit to get into action for

Middlesbrough. The Brazilian international defender cannot

wait to play alongside Bryan

Branco, who is also keen to link up with fellow countryman

Juninho, said: "There are not

many people in the world who

do not know of Bryan Robson.

I have a lot of respect for a

Branco, a 31-year-old former

miership showdown with Man-

chester United at St James' Park

hut will be "raring to go" after

Villa on Wednesday.

Scotland's replacements yesterday lost Kenny Logan, who played a part in the win in Cardiff a fortnight ago after replacing the wing Craig Joiner. Logan broke a finger in training and his place on the bench

went to Cameron Glasgow.

The Irish Rugby Football
Union, who would prefer to be
concentrating on their team's
game against Wales in Dublin tomorrow, yesterday turned their attention to Peter Clobessy, the prop disgraced when he was sent off in Paris for stamping on Olivier Roumat's head. The IRFU did the minimum it could by endorsing Clohessy's 26week suspension, terminating his international contract.

Simon Geoghegan, the Irish wing, came through a fitness test on his hamstring injury and the prop Nick Popplewell will play despite retiring from yesterday's

trained with his new club for the

first time since his work permit

was granted and is in line for a

Premiership dehut against Everton at the Riverside Sta-

Rangers have completed the

signing of the Danish striker Erik Bo Andersen in a deal be-

lieved to be worth £1.5m. An-

dersen was the Danish League's

leading scorer with 24 goals last

season, helping Aalborg lift the championship for the first time

in their 110-year history. He has

won four caps and is a strong contender for a place in the

squad for the European Championship finals in June.

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